

Tax hike revealed in leaked plans

Keith Harper Transport Edito

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RASTIC reform of company car use and a clampdown on company car

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statement on transport policy expected to be released next month. The measures could damage car production.

The document, a copy of which has been seen by the Guardian, is the first indica-tion of the likely attitude of a Blair government towards tax evasion are transport. It says the tax sys-heart of a Labour Party i tem for company cars causes to Parliament The overall strategy will

Labour says it wants to sta-bilise national traffic levels binse national traffic levels by 2010 and reduce them to 1990 levels by 2020. To this end it will produce a 23-year strategy with a five-year roll-ing programme for transport investment and taxation. It will establish a national transport forum, drawn from business and transport users and operators, who will advise government on strategy and produce an annual report

□ a 30 per cent reduction in urban traffic over 10 years; □ speed limits of Smph on some residential streets; □ More speed cameras; □ French-style picnic areas and lay-bys to replace the Government's "motorway

service area free-for-all"; service area neevoral "; a national network of truckstop facilities; D a simplified national fares and ticket system, allowing people "significantly chesper and more flexible travel on buons and there".

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which adopt company travel depend on economic growth. plans reducing car travel. Proposals include: Pro

schemes. The national targets will be used as a framework for local authorities to set targets for cutting traffic and pollution. The document deals with the rail industry only in a general way. It was drawn up while the leadership was try-ing to make up its mind op rail privatisation and the flo-tation of Railtrack. It says Labour would combine with Labour would combine with the private sector to invest in rail, but not whether it would

re-nationalise the system. packages rather The document says Labour of genuine need".

can achieve many of its objec-tives "simply by redirecting transport spending". It says it can make savings from to company car users and pe-nalising those who could not

"bringing the railways back together, and cutting the "gravy train of consultants and lawyers". Labour will redirect "significant sums" prove that they had been using their car for business. It is likely to provoke a furi-ous reaction from the indus-try. Car manufacturers have currently earmarked for road building towards local transrepeatedly said production would be badly affected and

cause job losses. The purchase of company cars is increasing, while cars bought solely for private use port strategies. It says 80 per cent of cars entering London are company cars or have free parking at work. The statement suggests that "many company cars an is flattening out. Of the 180,275 registrations in March, 57 per cent were for flest cars. Last year nearly 50 per cent of registrations were that "many company cars are "perks", given as part of salary packages rather than becaus

The statement proposes tax-ing the full value of free fuel to company car users and pe-of which 912,629 were for company use where there more than 25 in a fleet.

Labour is considering a business charge on parking spaces in commercial premises to fund public transport. These could support town centres by reducing rates on small businesses. The party wants to offer al-

ternatives to car-based shopping by encouraging home de-livery services a condition of planning permission for shop schemes.

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Simon Beavis Industrial Editor

AKBOVER frenzy in the privatised electricity industry erupted again yesterday as National Power, Britain's biggest power station operator, found its plans for expansion threat-ened by an audacious approach from a US company which could lead to an £8.5 billion bid.

In a move which presents lan Lang, the Trade Secre-tary, with the toughest dilemma he has faced since

officially confirmed that it

had approached National

and its smaller rival, Power-Gen, are waiting for clearance from the Monopolies Commission and Mr Lang to take control of two separate

regional power companies. National Power last autumn launched a £2.5 billion bid for Southern Electric, soon after PowerGen unveiled a similar agreed deal, this time worth £1.9 billion, for Midlands Electricity.

The takeovers were referred to the MMC on the grounds that they would bring together power genera-tors with electricity distribution companies for the first the bidding war started in the sector last year, Southern Company of Atlanta Georgia, the industry were deliber time since privatisation in 1990, when the two sides of

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Patrick Wintour, Chief Political Correspondent

T should have been a fine day: the launch of an election campaign and a time when a party chair-man comes into his own.

And yet, under gentle questioning by the Today programme's Sue Mac-Gregor, Brian Mawhinney exploded on air.

Dr Mawhinney had been struggling to contain his notorious temper as Ms MacGregor began her inter-view. He fought to contain himself as he acknowl-

edged "the challenge to the Tories of the local

elections". Ms MacGregor reminded him that in 1990 the Tories had got rid of the trouble some poll tax and its archi-tect, Margaret Thatcher. Might the party "have to do something equally dra-



Brian Mawhinney, left, John Gummer and Michael Heseltine at the launch of the Tory local election campaign yesterday PHOTOGRAPH STEFAN ROUSE

"You drew the parallel with Mrs Thatcher and that matic" if it was not to lose more seats? Dr Mawhinney lifted off. The stay in the real Will wirs inducted and indefen-"Let's stay in the real world, can we?" He was quickly in orbit.

world, can we?" He was quickly in orbit. "What you have just sug-gested ... is that we should dump the Prime Minister. of smeary question by Today programme present-ers which so annoys people Don't be ridiculous. That isn't even worthy of any answer," he thundered. who listen to this programme up country."

He left in a huff. Two eras. And who better than hours later he was back at the launch of the campaign he had masterminded, mentwo who like to go ballistic on BBC Radio? There was John Gummer, Environment Secretary. He blew up on Today a couple of weeks back, when asked about that picture of him acing smile glued in place. He must have taken

weeks to dream up this one: to pose with lot of cans, mocked up to look like baked beams. stuffing a burger into his daughter's mouth. He He brought along some ed happy enough to be ured with this

at, page 8; pictured this chums to pose for the cam-

And poor old Michael He seltine, Deputy Prime Min-ister. His clashes with Today presenters are usu-ally jonsts — he privately admits to getting on with them. At least he had the grace to look embarrassed.

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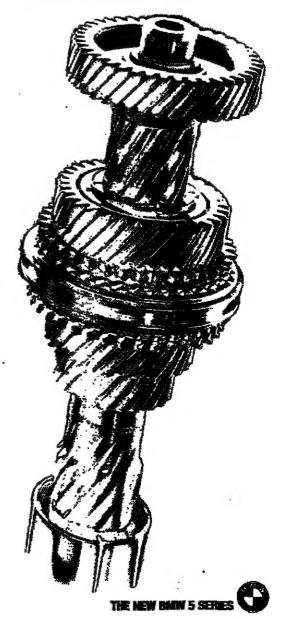
Power to discuss a merger. Industry watchdogs have argued strongly that the bids would harm consumers and competition. But last week the 12 regional electricity leaked copies of the commis-sion's findings suggested that the MMC was prepared to allow the deals to proceed, raising City expectations that companies having taken over SWEB - to succeed, it would celerate an assault on the British power sector by American corporations which could see them owning between a third and a half of the entire industry. The approach from South-ern — widely criticised in the

Mr Lang would endorse the recommendations. The Southern Company, which carries a US stock mar-turn to page 3, column 6

ately kept separate vertical integration.

US for its corporate practices - comes as National Power City notebook, page 11

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A sad day for Carlo too in the fuss at court No. 1

Jobless mechanic's five minutes of and round. fame reveals fate worse than Yorks

Gary Younge

ARLO Giambrone was "gobsmacked". The un-employed mechanic arrived at court No.1 in Somerset House yesterday in a homber jacket and jeans to tell the judge he could not afford to pay the costs awarded against him after his divorce. against him after his divorce. He left five minutes later being compared with the in a hearing that lasted just Duke of York and facing ques- | over three minutes, with the

tions from the world's media about the future of the monarchy and where his own mar-"I thought I was going to be on my own — in and out," he said. "It was a big surprise to me, all the fuss."

It was in the five minutes there. between coming and going that he learned that the div-

Carlo, aged 28, and the duke both have two children for whom they would like to take joint responsibility and es-tranged wives with whom they would like to remain "good friends". But the simi-larities between case 15 A B z The judge told him the costs to support his two children, larities between case 15, A E v C Giambrone, and case 29, HRH The Duke of York v HRH aged six and nine months, were a matter for the solici-The Duchess of York, and tors in the case. "I have my kids every weekend I shall carry on giv-

Giambrone, born in Britain of Italian parents, got married ing my whe what support I can though at the moment at Fulham register office in I'm only getting £74 benefit every two weeks." Meanwhile, on the other 1989 and had a reception at a tourist hotel in west London. When they got back they

moved into a tiny house. "I side of the continent, the had to sleep on the aofa, and my wife had a single bed in a bedroom no bigger than an ordinary bathroom. It took us two and a half years to get out of there, and by then things were not so good." "We'll take every day is a new day," she said, declaring that

she and Andrew would remain "bestest of friends". In six weeks the couple will be formally divorced. Mr Giambrone said of the Yorks: "It seems amazing to be dealt with in the same way like this."

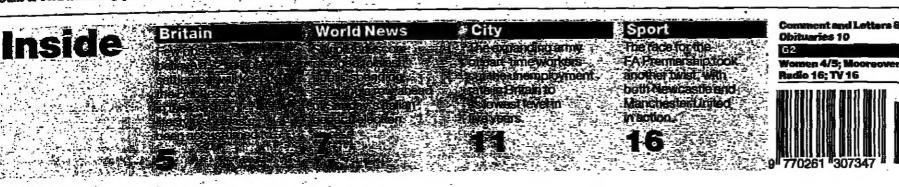
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Carlo Giambrone . . . thy house led to marriage failure



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Best rating for year ends downward drift as local elections near 🗆 Tax cut fails to lift Conservatives Sketch

Labour hits opinion poll high Useful martyr puts Tories on the rack

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has increased by seven points in a month, from 14 per cent Martin Kettle in March to 21 per cent in ABOUR'S poll rating The latest monthly poll shows a particularly sharp has leapt to its high-est level in nearly a year, following last week's Staffordshire swing from Conservative to Labour among women voters, South-East byelection vic-7.5 per cent, compared with a tory. The result leaves the Conservatives facing an even worse than expected showing 2.5 per cent swing among This is the first time that next month's local Labour has scored 50 per cent elections. In the latest Guardian/ICM or more since June last year, before John Major's re-elecmonthly adjusted opinion survey Labour is on 50 per tion as Conservative leader narrowed the gap between the cent (up 5 points compared with March), with the Conserparties. Labour is not back to the vatives 29 (down 2), Liberal

spring 1995, but the new high ends a downward drift for the Democrats 17 (down 3) and others 4 (no change). Labour's lead over the Conservatives party in the polls since the

New Year. The Conservatives will be disappointed that this month's tax changes have not Aarch improved the party's showing. The Liberal Democrats have recorded their worst showing this year.

Like all surveys taken immediately after a newsworthy byelection, the latest figures probably reflect a post-byelection surge for the winning party. However the swing also reflects a bad month for lecided. the Government, dominated by the beef crisis. In the less reliable unad-

justed monthly survey Labour stands on 56 per cent (up 5). Conservatives 25 (down 1), Liberal Democrats 16 (down 4), others 4 (no

change). Labour's lead in the | of voters want Mr Major to unadjusted survey is 31 points, compared with 25 in The Conservatives will take comfort from Labour's much narrower lead on economic

A mere 4 per cent favour a policies. Asked which party has the best policies for deal-Tory deal with the Ulster Unionists. ing with the economy, voters Even among Conservative said Labour 32, Conservatives 22, Liberal Democrats 5, voters a majority favour an immediate general election if

the majority is lost. • ICM interviewed a random others 1, with 39 per cent un sample of 1,200 adults aged 18 and over by telephone over April 12-13. Interviews were

Voters overwheimingly want Mr Major to call a gen-eral election if he loses his Commons majority, now conducted across the country standing at one following last and the results have been weighted to the profile of all adults. week's byelection.

If the Conservatives lose overall control of the Commons, nearly three-quarters

call an election. Fewer than one in six want him to carry on at the head of a minorit regime, the course the Prime Minister is thought to favour

DON'T fully subscribe to the depiction of Clare Short as a feminist martyr pinned on the rack by Mr Blair's male Myrmidons merely because of her remarks about tax last

Nor am I altogether happy with the bhunt "I-speak-as-I-find" image she cultivates, a politically correct version of the Duchess of York, There's an elderly lady in our neighbourbood who rides her bike down the street speaking her mind at the top of her voice. But you can't do that in a shadow cabinet.

Yet most people are tremen-dously fond of Ms Short. So am I. Perhaps at times she is a little too eager to do Mr Biair's more distasteful jobs for him, actively helping to de-select candidates such as Liz Davies who do not fit the New Labour template, but few doubt her

The far left grounuscule Labour Briefing describes her, in the old Stalinist phrase. as "Blair's Useful Idiot", but that is preferable to being another of Blair's Useess Sophisticate Yesterday, as Opposition transport spokeswoman, she had to lead in a debate on the privatisation of Railtrack, and she did extremely well. She rose to a huge cheer from both sides; nearly everyone likes her, the Tories in particular because they think she has revealed Labour's real tax plans, Labour backbenchers because she is on

bad terms with the leader's office. (As one of the Myrmidons told this paper the other day: "She accepts that she screwed up hig-time." This stuff is bor-rowed from the United States, where political sidekicks feel

obliged to talk about each other as if they were rival Mafia consiglieri. We'll know the virus is terminal when we hear the ultimate tough-guy ohrase, usually from spotty

First night

young men who couldn't punch their way out of a crisp packet: "Blair cleaned her clock.")

She was obviously nervous and when she began speaking her voice quavered and trembled. But she produced a tough, reasoned argument which the Conservatives found hard to answer.

After a few moments she smiled sweetly and said: "I would like to say a few words about tax." The Tories shuffied with pleasure, hoping she would dig a deeper pit and jump straight in it.

"The cost of privatising the railways." she said, "works out at £106.38 per taxpayer. equivalent to one penny on the basic rate of tax.

There is no answer to that, and the Conservatives did not provide one. Indeed they were strangely quiet throughout her speech, so much so that it ended after only 20 minutes wondrously brief in these days of logorrhoeic frontbenchers.

She made good use of the leaked letter from the British Rail chairman, pointing out that the Railtrack flotation prospectus is wildly optimis tic, and she had amusing sport with the ludicrously small amount provided for Railtrack to pay penalties to the various spive, foreigners and riff-raff who are taking over the train companies. A clumsy metaphor ("this is

like a vandal who is going to destroy a monument asking the caretaker what he will do to restore the monument after he has destroyed it") didn't do too much harm, and she even gave some indication of what her party would do in government - a rare sighting of a Labour policy. Apparently they are going to get the rail regulator to grab hold of Railtrack's generative organs, and squeeze them as hard as they

Sir George Young, a good man fallen among Tory ministers, had prepared a speech about taxes. "Harriet Harman was endorsed for acting like a Tory, Ms Short rebuked for speaking like a socialist." but she had already defused the issue with skill, and the Speaker told Sir George to get back to the subject. Dawn Primarolo sat next to Labour's new heroine, and the two girls

shared a warm little hand cuddle.

OBIN Holloway's Third

Concerto For Orchestra

and given its superbly con-

cal persona with every major

Certainly the language of

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Masked men shoot PC in his

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Stephen Bates in Brussels HE issue had engaged some of the finest years — whether British chocolate should in fact be called vegelate. **Opponents** argned that

only pure chocolate, that is chocolate made only with cocoa butter, was worthy of the name. Britain's finest such as Mars and KitKat, contained 5 per cent vegetable fat.

A compromise in Strasbourg last night gave Britain's confectionary back its good name. Labelling will be changed so that consumers can see without reading the small print that they

are buying a product made with vegetable oil. The issue has divided Europe, with the fine choc-olate specialists of France, Chocolate not vegelate . . . the British product contains vegetable fat, but the compromise means it can continue to bear the name PHOTOGRAPH DAVID SILITON Germany and Belgium claiming that the version

used almost universally in British chocolate bars is



have been defending this inte spreading: originally since 1973 when we joined only Britain, Ireland and the Common Market and Denmark were allowed to ie oli d

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Under single market (ness unless Britain were | made with vegetable oil rules, now that chocolate forced to toe the line. containing vegetable oil is A spokesman for t and don't buy it." The alliance struck back A spokesman for the Co-



not fit to have the name The British retaliated by

saying the vegetable oil makes the chocolate harder, of more regular quality, less prone to fatty white spots — and less likely to melt in your hand.

John Newman, director of the Biscuit, Cake, Choco-late and Confectionary Alliance in London, said: "We prospect of British choco-

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sained an exem our chocolate. they had traditionally done so before joining the Com-mon Market. Now newer "British chocolate has always been made with yegemembers - Portugal, Austria, Sweden and Finland table oil and it does not taste any different because are claiming the right to adulterate their chocolate. the taste is provided by the 95 per cent which is made The Finns allow 10 per cent in their bars — though they from cocoa butter."

What worried the cocoa bean supporters was the will have to reduce that now.

member states will not be

able to exclude it. Supporters of the cocos bean produced one last trump card; lobbyists acting on behalf of Third World producers such as Brazil, Cameroon, Ecuador, Ghana, the Ivory Coast and Venezuela claimed they would be put out of busi-

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ble oil, made from shea nuts, was vital to the econo-Secretariat, based in Brus-sels, said: "For some countries it would be absomies of even poorer Third World countries, such as Mali and Burkina Faso. lately disastrous if the British practice spread. It could The European Commis reduce demand by 200,000 tonnes a year. "We are prepared to comsion's compromise was that all vegetable oils used will

promise in the labelling have to come from develop-providing it's large enough, ing countries — and the la-so that people know it is belling must be clearer.

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| place, evoking images of | South America. Andrew Clements

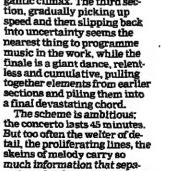
In his programme note Holloway defines the four-section work as "athematic, con-cerned only with organising its shifting textures into dif-ferent kinds of momentum. ourney, arrival". It is a strange claim, for the whole structure seems to be full of thematic working, of blocks of material presented, then

last night under Michael Til-son Thomas -- has been a long developed and elaborated time in the making. Its origins Everything in the work date back 13 years and it has been much anticipated, not least because the Second Con-certo for Orchestra had been stems from the clutch of idea that well up in the opening moments. The rest of the opening section starts to nurtur and expand upon them in a the work that at last seemed to pull together all the disparate threads in Holloway's developseries of waves. The second section is a chaconne, a develment and weave them into a coherent and distinctive musiopment across 42 variations of a row of musical "objects", stretching out what had been cal language. A delight in the sensuous compacted in the opening sec-tion, and landing upon a gi-gantic climax. The third seccomplexity of orchestral sound, always one of Holloway's strongest suits, had suddenly been combined with a rigorous approach to the problem of a building a large scale form. The "Holloway problem", that of a composer who sometimes seemed to adopt a new musi-

a final devastating chord. The scheme is ambitious;

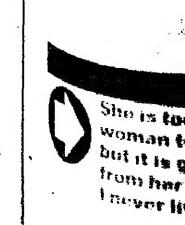
have been solved at last. So a Third Concerto promised a the new piece is coherent and much information that separating what is important from passing decoration is almost impossible. Fewer notes and towards influences -- Tippett and Sibelius, Stravinsky and Ravel, Bruckner and Wagner — it never seems like pasmore sharply focused ideas might have made it more pur-poseful and effective, and a tiche, while the aural imagina tion, the treatment of the more worthy follow up to its superb predecessor. Like the Second Concerto it

egan with an impression of



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This review appeared in later editions yesterday.



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Philip Shrimpton, left, and Kevin Smith, and Maureen Jones, whom they revived 'Dead' woman revived help his colleague give heart massage and clear her air-ways. When paramedics ar-rivad, her eyes were open and showing signs of recognition although she was not coherent. PC Shrimpton said: "After the event we just not in the Policemen shocked as diabetic stirs after collapsing into coma home and called the doctor, said: "I still haven't got my Martin Walnwright

head round it." WO police officers were commended yesterday for reviving a woman en declared dead, after seeing her leg twitch as they checked the bedroom where she had collapsed in a diabetic coma. The rural beat constables in Yorkshire were called in as a formality after Maureen Jones, aged 59, a mother of four, had been certified dead by her family doctor in Thwing, near Great Driffield. North Yorkshire health authority has launched an inquiry into the incident. which echoed the last-minute rescue of the Cambridgeshire pensioner, Daphne Banks. whose feeble signs of life were

Constables Kevin Smith and Philip Shrimpton, who resuscitated Mrs Jones, said they had been so shaken by the episode that neither had wanted to drive their patrol

"The body was lying face down and white, and it had obviously been there for some time," said PC Smith, who has been in the force for five years. "Then the leg moved it just jumped in the air. I was scared stiff, never mind all this macho police stuff." Superintendent Peter Wil-

spotted by an undertaker in a shaw, divisional commander

shock of being told she was dead. Her son Neil, aged 39, done a first class job", PC where she was about who found his mother Shrimpton had stopped com-siumped on the floor of her forting Mrs Jones's family to ment pending an inquest.

the event we just sat in the car ... so shaken that we were arguing about who was going to drive because nei-ther of us wanted to." Mr Jones's other son, Nigel, aged 34, said he had been told his mother had collapsed and had rushed from his army car back to the police station. They arrived at Mrs Jones's home in Thwing, less than half an hour after the family's base in Suffolk expecting to find her dead, only to hear

GP. Marion Meeson, had declared her dead. she was alive in nospital. He said: "She is recovering well. Her sugar level was right down." All his mother could remember was going to bed on Sunday night then

gised. Mrs Banks, an epileptic

waking up in the hospital. The family involved in the earlier incident in Cambridgeshire decided not to make a complaint after their GP, David Roberts, apolo-

she lay in a bodybag at a year immediately on taking Hinchingbrooke hospital, office if it wanted to combat where she was about to "disgraceful" levels of illiterplaced in a storage compart-ment pending an inquest. achievement in schools.

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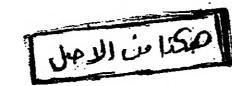
Blair told schools need

ABOUR leader Tony Blair was told last night that a Labour government would have to increase education spending by at least £3 billion

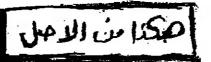
£3bn if Labour wins power John Carvel

senior civil servant, said Labour should give "unques-tioned priority" in its first two years to assisting nursery and primary education and improving the status of teachers. David Blunkett, shadow education secretary, welcomed Sir Claus's criticism of the Government but sidestepped the demand for an immediate cash

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NEWS 3

Police promise to meet force with force in outbreak of street violence. Threat to Tory MPs' hopes of pre-election bonanza



oline Kennedy leaving her home in a police car yesterday after the shooting of her partner, PC Stephen Hardy, on Tuesday night

Masked men shoot PC in his home

Peter Hetheringto and Stephen Lyle

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OLICE in Merseyside six men heve been shot in and around yesterday promised to fight armed criminals

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think they can walk into the homes of people, masked and armed with weapons." He warned that armed offi-He warned that armed offi-

cers would *respond with force if confronted by criminals. While acknowledging

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David Ungi: Series of

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After David Ungi's murder police began high-profile armed parols, with Mr Shar-

against tax cuts

IMF warns Clarke

26,000 to 2,186,000 last month, | linked to the German mark while annual growth in earn-ings nudged up in February but predicted sluggish growth this year of 2.2 per cent, fol-lowed by 2.7 per cent in 1997. This would be in line with or ahead of the Group of to 3.25 per cent - the first increase in eight months. With the Bank of England

concerned that lower interest rates, tax cuts and windfall Seven average, which the IMF forecast at 1.9 per cent and 2.6 per cent respectively. The IMF's chief economist Michael Mussa, said that Britain's exports had performed better than would otherwise have been anticipated partly

rates to 6 per cent, but the release of the minutes yester-

Eddie George, the Bank of England's

Governor, issues his own warning

Mr Clarke stressed he stood

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that interest rates may have reached a trough. Threatening hopes among Conservative backbenchers of cheaper borrowing and vote-winning tax cuts in the run-up to the General Election, the IMF said the delay in repairing Britain's public finances ruled out a budget giveaway while interest-rate cuts risked higher inflation. Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, used fresh signs yesterday that the economy may be strengthen-ing to issue his own warning to Mr Clarke about the risks about inflation to Mr Clarke about the risk day reveal that Mr George had said there was "a possi-bility that rates would have to be raised again at some point further the day." of higher inflation in the

Mr George said in a speech in Nottinghamshire that he would be "watching very care-fully" to ensure that the Government's 2.5 per cent inflation target was not jeopardised -and scoffied at commentators who have been proclaiming the death of inflation. cut borrowing costs if the economy remained weak.

Larry Elliott, and Sarah Ryje in Washington

Clarke, that a tax-cutting bonanza in this year's budget

was out of the question and joined the Governor of the Bank of England in predicting that interest rates may have

HE International Monetary Fund last night told the Chan-cellor, Kenneth

The IMF's World Economic Outlook, which was pub-lished in Washington yester-day, said that Britain had benefited from falling out of "I fear such reports are as premature as those of Mark Twain," Mr George said. "Inflation certainly won't tay dead of its own accord." Government figures released yesterday showed the Exchange Rate Mecha-nism in September 1992 that seasonally adjusted unemployment fell by almost than those countries

rates, fax cuts and windfall gains from building society mergers could stoke up con-sumer spending, Mr George underlined the point he had made in his monthly mone-tary meeting with the Chancellor in early March. The two men agreed to cut rates to 5 per cent but the as a result of a depreciation in the pound that had not been cancelled out by an anticipated rise in inflation. But while the IMF acknowledged that the recent easing of monetary policy in Britain was the "appropriate" reaction to the slowdown in growth in 1995, it warned that

there was no room for further relaxation via a cut in base rates. Graham Hacche, an IMF

economist, said: "We take the view that the current rate is about right now, but that further easing would not be a good option. That is not to say that rates should be raised

right now." The IMF's general warning about cutting budget deficits was extended to Britain. Officials said that Britain

ready to put interest rates up later this year if necessary, but added that he would also was doing better than many other western European countries in terms of keeping a grip on its public finances, but warned that there was no

scope for the sort of cuts that the Chancellor would want to make before the election. Leader comm

recording stronger growth Notebook, page 11; IMF calls for cuts, page 12

Power merger mooted

continued from page 1 ket valuation of \$16 billion (£10.5 billion), was forced to National Power, whose go public on its approach to National Power after atshares shot up 56.5p to 578p on expectation of the bid and tempts to line up \$12 billion of financing for the deal leaked to the market late on Monday. a bonanza for investors, instructed its shareholders to take no action. City analysts estimated that the US company would be Executives from the two companies held hasty talks the

forced to pay up to 750p a share to take control of a com-pany which would value a bid same night. In a statement yesterday, Southern made it clear that it wanted to "combine" its busi-ness with National Power. at at least £8.5 billion. In the City the immediate which controls 25 per cent of consensus was that a foreign the British generation mar-ket. But it stressed that an bid for one of the generators would force Mr Lang to exer-

sion on National Power and | predator building a stake of PowerGen's own bid moves. | more than 15 per cent.

But some observers sug rested that Mr Lang would be hard-pressed to draw a line were he to give the green light to National Power and Power-Gen's own expansion plans.

Labour last night warned of the "ad hoc restructuring" of the electricity industry and called for new safeguards for consumers. The Consumers' Association warned that the power indusiry could soon be reduced to three or four super-utilities. "Competition in the market place would



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ples warned that weapons were increasingly becoming a "fashion accessory" for criminals in the area, who sattled disputes with a gun. Mystery last night surrounded the attack on PC Stephen Hardy, aged 26, whose condition in hospital

was described as "serious but stable" after surgery. Armed men burst into the

house the constable shares with his girlfriend, Caroline Kennedy, at lipm on Tuesday and ordered them to lie on the floor. The 26-year-old police-man, who had tried to dial 899, was shot at close range in both legs and his right arm while the couple's one-yearold son lay in a bedroom. The shooting could mark a

constable was gunned down 4 Tuesday 1.20mm: Gidlow Road South, in his home by two masked men - the fifth shooting in Three men shot in the shousa oub. Liverpool, man shot in the city since Saturday. Chief Constable Jim Shar-603 5 Tue PC Stephen Hardy dragged from bed and Olive Lane, Wes pregnant woman shot in arm and leg. kige Close, Croxteth Park. her house shol at. further escalation in the

battle between two rival drugs gangs for territory in the city following the murder of David Ungi, a well-known gangiand figure, last May, This led to armed police adopting a high profile. Detectives believe PC

Hardy, whose girlfriend was under police protection last night, could have been the victim of mistaken identity. Yesterday neighbours on the modern estate where the couple live spoke of "unusual activity" at a house two doors

away, with rumours of drug dealing among a group of young people in their 20s. They apparently left two weeks ago. One neighour said: "People would come and go all the time and big cars would arrive at all hours of the night. It could be someone picked the wrong house." Mr Sharples did not rule out a theory that the injured man had upset criminal elements, although the PC was not con-nected with any major police investigation. He added: "It baffles the imagination to Paul Stephenson, Director

12.15am: Peel Road.

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string of apparent tit-for-tat shootings which followed, he said police were achieving successes, with large-scale weapons seizures and a con-siderable number of people arrested for firearms offences over the past 18 months. The current violence began

last Saturday when three men, one in his early 20s the others in their early 30s, were shot in the legs at a pub in the Old Swan area of the city. The following day a gunman fired shots at a house in Wavertree. At 12.15am on Tuesday, police say four or five men burst into a house in Bootle and shot a man in his 20s in the legs. An hour later three men burst into a house in the

Major told Israel must stop war

Lebanon's PM says Hizbullah 'disarmed when occupiers leave'

lan Black in London and Derek Brown in Metulia

EBANON is demanding an end to Israel's occu-pation of the country's south and will only move to disarm Hizbullah guerrillas when Israeli forces leave, the prime minister. Rafik al-Hariri, said yesterday. As israeli air and artillery attacks — and Hizbullah maket raiwose — continued amhitions

rocket salvoes - continued for the seventh consecutive day, Mr Hariri said after talks with the Prime Minister. John Major, in Downing Street that he preferred a French proposal for a ceasefire to one put forward by the United States — but hoped that both could be combined. Hizbullah rejected the US peace proposal as "suicide". and Syria in encouraging the The French plan calls for guarrilla attacks.

nake it look as if we are facilitating occupation by Israel," Mr Hariri said. "Is-rael is asking us to be a traitor. We will never do it." commitments by Israel, Leba-non and Hizbullah not to attack civilian populations. The US plan does not include Speaking at a press confer-ence - from which two The US plan does not include a reference to United Nations resolution 425, passed in 1978 to demand Israeli withdrawal from the south where it con-trols a border "security zone", while insisting it has no long-term territorial arbitrar Israeli journalists were ejected — Lebanon's prime minister insisted that the offensive had not halted attacks on northern Israel, where Katyusha rockets have

wounded 48 people. United Nations peacekeeping troops in the area said Is-raeli jets launched about 55 Mr Bariri was in London trying to mobilise interna-tional support after initial raids on south Lebanon vilreluctance by Britain and European countries to conlages and gunners pounded them with 600 shells by nightfall. Three people were killed in the bombardment and nine were wounded, including four demn Israeli raids because of their backing for the Middle

East peace process. He acknowledged that be had differences with Hizbullah guerrillas, bringing to 34 dead - a redical Shi'tte Muslim organisation - but refused to and 152 wounded the casual-ties since the start of the Isbe drawn on the role of Iran raeli campaign, "Operation border, but has and Syria in encouraging the Grapes of Wrath". was restricted guerrilla attacks. Israel's prime minister, iy low cloud.

"Hizbullah should be dis- Shimon Peres, said he was armed but doing this now will bolding out for a written document, as opposed to verbal understandings that ended similar Israeli strikes against the guerrillas in July 1993. "We don't want to raise expectations," Mr Peres said during a tour of northern Israel. "We cannot expect from this campaign a solution to all the problems." Despite the offensive, Mu

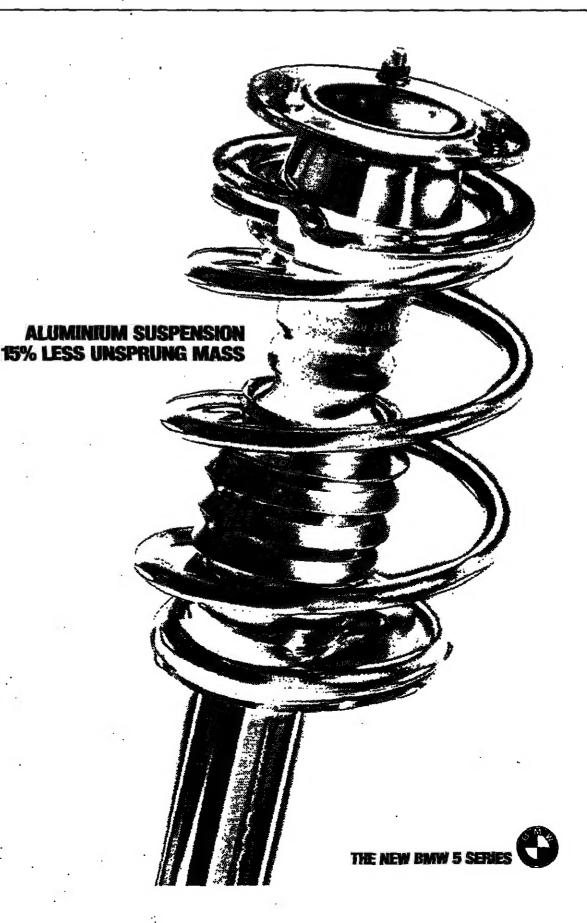
Peres is to meet Yasser Ara-fat, the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). in Gaza today.

In Paris, President Jacques Chirac told a cabinst meeting he had telephoned the presi-dent of the European Commission. Jacques Santer, to request urgent European Union aid for Lebanese

civilians. Salvoes of Katyusha rockets esterday landed in western Galilee and in the Galiles panhandle, close to the Lebanon border, but Israel's onslaught was restricted by exceptional-

She is too nice ever to say that the only way for a woman to have an active political life is to stay single, but it is glaringly obvious that she herself has benefited from her own wise decision. She was the role model I never lived up to and so naturally I hated her.

Maureen Freely G2 page 4



4 BRITAIN Publisher drops book by 'proud racist'

Gary Younge

BOOK which claims black people are less intelligent than whites was with-drawn from publication yes-terday by its publisher, which branded the views of the author as repellent.

author as repenent. The book — The g Factor, General Intelligence and its Implications — by Christo-pher Brand, a psychology lec-turer at Edinburgh universi-ty, was to be published today by Loby Wiley & Sons by John Wiley & Sons.

Promising what seemed to be a carbon copy of the furore which greeted Charles Mur-ray's and Richard Herrnstein's book. The Bell Curve, two years ago, the publisher last week hailed the book as a "well argued, critical review" by a man "well known for his contributions to research and debate on intelligence and personality".

But yesterday the company said: "The management does not want to support these vlews by disseminating them or be associated with a book that makes assertions that we find repellent. It said the decision had been

prompted by remarks Mr Brand had made in the press in which he had claimed that single mothers should be en-couraged to mate with higher IQ males in order to widen the gene pool of their offspring with some intalligent fore-bears. "They should be en-couraged to have sex with higher IQ boys. We could



each these girls that it would be highly advantageous," he said at the weekend. "I am perfectly proud to be a racist in the scientific sense. It is scientific fact that black Americans are less in-

telligent than white Americans Mr Brand yesterday stood by his views and said he was contemplating suing the pubcontemplaing suing the pub-lishers. "They're cowards and they're stupid. They have sat on this book for about a year. This is just another sign of the PC [political correctness] infection. I am taking legal advice and considering suing them for braset of consider

them for breach of contract." Asked whether he thought black people did have lower IQs. Mr Brand laughed. "I don't believe you are seri-ously asking me that," he said. "You won't find any psychologist of any repute who has said anything different wiley & Sons admitted Mr Brand had signed the con-tract "about a year ago". "We

publish about 1,200 books a year and it is not the policy of senior management to closely scrutinise biss namos Yet last week the company

Barnaby Reynolds at Lancing. West Sussex, preparing his 'sidewalk cinema' of mannequins for exhibition in Germany, London and New York issued a press release prais-ing the book and inviting journalists to interview Mr

journalists to interview Mr Brand in London. "The g Factor gives a con-cise, accessible and critical review of the scientific evi-dence and addresses the fun-damental questions about in-telligence in a challenging,

about expectations."

telligence in a challenging, but well argued, manner which will both inform and provoke discussion," it said. Some psychlogists have criticised the publisher's deci-sion. "This represents one of my worst fears. An attempt to criticia all intellectual free. British legal challenge 'will take months' as confusion continues stifle all intellectual free-dom," said Walter Furneaux, professor of psychology at Brunel university. He said there was nothing new in Mr John Palmer in Strasbourg and Stephon Bates in Brussels Brand's theories

HE European Commis-sion last night refused to lift the world-wide But others, like Michael Howe, professor of psychol-ogy at Exeter university, beban on the sale of British beef until the Government prolieve Mr Brand's views are not only dangerous but wrong. He said: "It is true vides details of a comprehensive plan for eradicating BSE. Speaking to journalists in Strasbourg yesterday, the Farm Commissioner, Franz that certain groups score less well in IQ testing than others, but a score doesn't assess the Fishler, said: "The ball is still in the British court." fundamental quality of a person — indeed, the nature of the tests themselves says a lot

Mr Fischler later told mem-bers of the European Parlia-bourg last night predicted

ment that he expected the Agriculture Minister, Doug-las Hogg, to present him in Brussels next week with a

strategy, including proposal

for culling. These proposals will then be considered by

veterinary experts from all 15

EU member states before

being discussed by agricul-tural ministers in Luxen-

The Government's decision

to challenge the commission's

beef ban in the European Court of Justice is unlikely to bring swift action. European

bourg on April 30.

Brussels insists beef ban stays |Lab help sought until UK has plan to end BSE that it could take up to 10 months to secure even a "fast

track" ruling. In Brussels, there was confusion about the legal basis on which the commission had imposed the ban. Officials were unable to cite any provi-sions in the Treaty of Rome. Spokesmen attempted to claim that Mr Santer had been misquoted when he said he would be prepared to eat British beef. Such statements by him and Mr Fischler undermine the European case that the ban was because the beef is a danger to health.

Asked in an interview with an Austrian journalist whether he would eat beef in London, Mr Santer replied: "I would not worry about it. If Mr Fischlar as the expert responsible follows this line, I would want to contribute in order to restore confidence." European lawyers hold

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A commission spokesman said: "The main concern was to protect consumers' inter-ests and public health."

● A urine test which could show whether cattle are incu-bating BSE is to be consid-ered by the Ministry of Agriered by the Ministry of Agri-culture years after it was developed, writes Poul Brown. John Bourne, Director of the Institute of Animai Health, told MPs on the agri-culture select committee that he still doubted whether the test would work, but he was prepared to check if. Dr Har-ash Narang, who developed ash Narang, who developed the test, would be involved. Dr Stephen Dealler, from Burnley General Hospital.

clashed with the Chief Veteri-nary Officer, Kelth Meldrum, when he said he believed the disease was now being passed from cows to calves. Mr Mel-drum insisted that only cows fed infected feed had caught

BSE. Dr D

ian Katz in Oldahoma City

AWYERS for Timothy McVeigh, prime suspect in the Oklahoma City bombing, have sought the help of a Scottish forensic laboratory to prove that the Gulf war veteran did not plant the truck bomb which killed 168 people a year ago tomorrow. Stephen Jones, the Oklahoma attorney representing McVeigh, says the judge hear-ing the bombing case has agreed to provide public funding to hire the Lothian and Borders police forensic lab-oratory to examine debris from the blast and reports by US forensic scientists.

He said he approched the laboratory because it had worked on the Lockerbie disaster, and one of its scientists had extensive experience with bombings in Northern

in US bomb case

to God police laboratory, not a whore," he said. Mr Jones has also enlisted

the help of Thomas Marshall, who served for three decades as Northern Ireland's state pathologist and is regarded as Britain's leading expert on bombing deaths. Prof Marshall confirmed he had agreed to review material relating to the bodies found in the Mur rah Building "just to

everything holds water The seven forensic labora tories in England have been taken over by the Forensic Science Service, a "next-step agency set up under the Gov-ernment's "marketisation" policy. It has been contracted to investigate a number of

high profile foreign cases. The policy of the Lothian and Borders laboratory on accepting outside work is unclear. A police spokeswoman said no decision had been

tory would get involved in the McVeigh case.

Discovery of

gene could

detect risk

HE recent finding of a

gene which contributes to asthma could lead to a screen

ing programme to detect babies more at risk of the ill-ness, doctors say today. If such infants could be identified it might be possible

to limit their exposure to agents in the environment

which trigger asthma, such as house dust mites, and thereby protect them from developing

the condition John Morrison and col-leagues, from St James's hos-pital, Leeds, have been look-ing at a game which produces a defence chemical called

tumour necrosis factor (INF). They studied 600 people and found that those with asthma had a variation of this gene

had a variation of this gene which produced an overdose of TNF. It is the over-produc-tion of defence system chemi-cals that is one of the basic causes of asthma, because the body overreacts to environ-mental stimuli. Dr Morrison, a chest physi-cian researching into asthma, said: "We have preliminary evidence that this particular molecule may be a part of the

molecule may be a part of the jigsaw. It may be part of what

"There is a variation in the control part of the gene, so that if there is a stimulus they get more TNF. In effect they

get more TNF. In effect they are getting an overdose." This is not the gene which causes asthma, but it may be part of the predisposition." The Leeds team hopes to build on work by Stephen Holgate and colleagues at Southamtion university who

Southampton university, who found that exposure to aller-gens in the first two years of life was critical in whether

people developed asthma. "We think there is a win-

dow of susceptibility in the

early years of life. If we could identify those people most at risk and protect them from

the allergen, we might be able to nip it in the bud."

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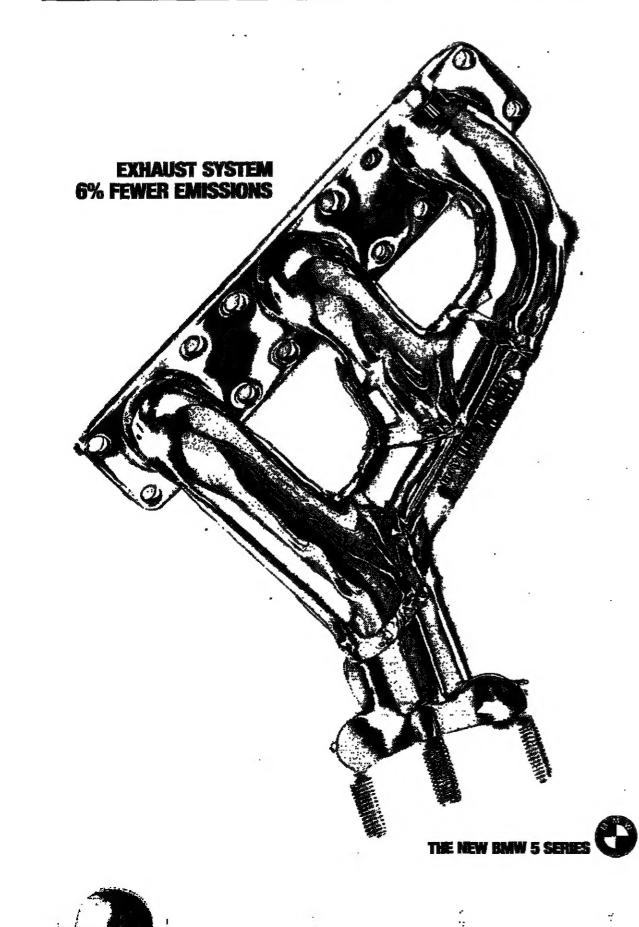
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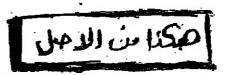
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Divorce settlement will barely cover lavish 'royal' lifestyle. Vivek Chaudhary reports



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Can duchess get by on a mere £500,000?

HE Duchess of York may be coping with the twists and turns on the slopes of Verbiar, where she is on a sking holi-**Trips here** and there day, but faces far greater hur-dles once her divorce is

Few observers believe that the 22 million settlement, 4500,000 of which has been set aside for the duchess, will be sufficent to keep her in the lavish lifestyle she has be come accustomed to.

monarchy's finances, claims that the settlement is "very low" and that it might contain other components which have not been publicised. "Given the Duke of York's

money, given the Queen's money, given royal concern that she doesn't sell her story, tt doesn't seem to add up. "She may already have

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signed things to say she won't tell her story, but there must be temptations ... and if she has a fraction of the bitterness of the Princess of Wales, she may feel an element of justification in putting her side of the story and getting paid for it.

"From all accounts £500,000 so I think maybe it's part of a bigger picture and there's something else provided." Reports of the duchess's

massive debts and spendthrift lifestyle first appered in Janu-ary when she was said to have run up an overtiraft of £1 million.

Later reports suggested that her debts could be up to 23 million.



again, this time in fashionable Kloster



Wrapped up against the cold during a trip to Meribel



News in brief

Crucial NHS project 'faces collapse'

A COMPLETER scheme seen as crucial to development of the NHS is "in danger of collapse", according to internal correspon-dence in which Wales threatens to leave the nationwide

project. The scheme, intended to devise a system of codes for clinical terms to be used by all doctors, has cost an estimated \$6.4

million and drawn on the time and skills of 2,000 doctors. In a letter to the centre working on the scheme — known the Read project — John Morgan, manager of the Welsh NHS information management and technology programme, says: "In my view, the Read project is in danger of collapse. If this disaster occurs, I believe it will do terrible damage to the cause of IM&T amongst the clinical and managerial communities." The project has run into trouble over "Read 3", the design of a national thesaurus of clinical terms to facilitate creation of an individual's medical record. Tests have shown the prototype performs acceptably only 58 per cent of the time. A spokesman for the NHS executive said there had been

"some problems" within its centre for coding and classifica-tion. Ray Rogers, NHS executive director for IM&T, had reallocated resources to high-priority areas including the Welsh pilot, and had guaranteed completion on schedule. — David Brindle

Pilot questioned over drugs

A PILOT has been arrested for susperied drug smuggling after he staged an emergency landing in a field and saw his passenger jump out in front of a propeller. A box containing 20 kilos of herbal cannabis with an estimated

street value of £60,000 was found near where the light aircraft landed in Basingstoke, Hampshire, on Tuesday.

The 43-year-old passenger, who apparently demanded that the pilot land the plane after becoming concerned about weather conditions, suffered critical injuries to his arm and neck after hitting the propeller.

No confidence vote at FT

JOURNALISTS at the Financial Times passed a vote of no confidence last night in the newspaper's editor, Richard Lambert, and deputy editor, Andrew Gowers, after 30 jobs were axed. Members of the National Union of Journalists will meet again

All six staff photographers were made redundant and the picture department closed. Voluntary redundant and the sought from four writers and 20 sub-editors and news editors by May 2. If there are no volunteers there will be compulsory edundancies.

In a memo to staff Mr Lambert and managing editor Robin Pauley said the changes would make the 108-year-old title, owned by the Pearson group, "more afficient, more effective and better able to invest in the future". — Andrew Culf

Hope for part-time workers

THE prospect of equal pay and employment rights for part-time

THE prospect of equal pay and employment rights for part-time workers across the European Union opened up yesterday when EU commissioners gave employers and unions the go ahead to negotiate a legally-binding "framework agreement". The European TUC and the employers' organisation UNICE have until June to start negotiations under the terms of the Social Chaptar or the commission will come up with its own part-time rights directive. The focus of negotiation is likely to be on exemptions to a general right to equality for part-timers. Although the British government has opted out of the chapter, unions believe many UE employers would be under great pres-sure to extend the rights enjoyed by continental employees to British workers. — Seamus Mline

Compensation plea on killing

THE Ministry of Defence last night said it would view "sympe thetically" calls for compensation from the parents of Louise Jensen, aged 23, killed by three British soldiers in Cyprus. But it refused to accept their claim that the arny was partially responsible for the behaviour of the soldiers, who sexually as-

complete.

□ August 1994. The Duchess borrowed around £100,000 to take her entou-rage to the Côte d'Azur for Tage to the Core d'Azur for six weeks. Writs were issued against her for the return of the money. January 1996. Trip to Washington, where she hired a £1,400-a night suite. Then three nights in New York of abolings, function

The author Phillip Hall, who has made a study of the York at another five star hotel for £4,200. Entire cost estimated at £20,600. March 1996. Trip to

Qatar for a 26-mile horse race with a £60,000 first prize. Came 25th out of 42. March 1996. Trip to Miami to visit tennis player Thomas Muster D March 1996: Trip to Par-

adise Island, Bahamas, for around £500 a night. D Currently on "modest skiing boliday in Verbier.

diffure showed that she spent 2384,000 on staffing — a butler, cook, nanny, gardener, cleaner, dresser, lady-in-waiting, and two personal

In 1995 she spent £80,800 on clothing, gifts, and social eve-nings, and enother £52,000 on parties. Her annual rent is about £72,000.

Her income for 1995 was 5325.000, most of it from inter-est, the sale of an interview to Hellol magazine, and royal-ties from her Budgie the Hellboots.

conter character.

A spokesman for Sleep Kids, the Amersham-base company which has world-wide rights for animation and merchandising for Budgie,

with the Budgie deal.

Exotic foreign holidays are common and last year in New York the duchess spent £3,000 on hand-made shoes and

A preakdown of her expen- (Mr Hall said: There ap- (18

pear to be four options. If there is not some money coming in which we do not know about, then her business life must show a marked im-provement. If not, she must live more modestly — or risk benkender

The key to the her financial future could rest with Budgie. In January, she flew to Amer-ica to sign a multi-million pound deal for rights to the cartoon character. The deal includes worldwide televi-

gested that it is worth much less than estimated.

Despite being seen as the nation's least favourite royal, she remains popular in Amer-ica, and American marketing experts believe she could make a small fortune there

The question remains, how-ever, whether or not the duch-ess can curb har spending.

Ber hairdresser charges

£150 for each visit and she also spent about £50,060 for 12 dresses from the top designer

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sion, video and book rights, but recent reports have sug-

yesterday refused to commen on how much the duchess stands to make.

Rumours of the duchess hit-ting the chat show circuit abound, and newspapers and magazines would pay a hand-some price for her story.

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Funds 'may not help policing'

police and Nottinghamshire generally performed the best. Greater Manchester and Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor Merseyside police found EW official police per-formance tables raise doubts over whether there is a direct link between themselves most often near the bottom, For the first time figures showed the proportion of time spent by uniformed officers on the beat or pursuing inqui-ries. A Durham bobby spends 77 per cent of his time in pubextra funding and better policing, the Audit Commis-sion said yesterday. Some forces last year received substantial incompared with only 36 per cent in West Mercia. The Audit Commission concreases in funding - up to 18 per cent in some cases - but these rises have not yet led to troller, Andrew Foster, said: "Some of these figures do increases in performance. The second year of publicaraise questions about the new tion of performance figures by the commission was resources going to the police and whether there is a direct marked by a continuing de-bate over their usefulness, with the police insisting they correlation between more resources and improvements in police effectiveness. Howonly gave a partial picture. However the commission ever we cannot take a decisive view on one year's claimed that the 1994/96 fig-ures showed significant imfigures." The Sussex chief constable Paul Whitehouse, speaking for the Association of Chief Police Officers, said some forces might have to devote provements for some forces identified as having a poor record in 1993/94. Cleveland police, which only hit its target for responding to 959 calls in 66 per cent of cases in the first year, recorded a 92 per cent performance in the extra funding to infrastructure, and many faced in-creased pension payments as cent performance in the second year. Across a broad range of in-dicators the Metropolitan come," he said.

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aulted the Danish tour guide and bludgeoned ber to death. The MoD was responding to reports that the Jensens had written to John Major, protesting that the army had not offered them compensation or an apology.

Police face disciplinary action

FIVE Nottinghamshire police officers are to face disciplinary charges for losing five Smith and Wesson revolvers last August, when the guns, in a boldall, fell out of a police yan.

Four men were sentenced yesterday at Nottingham crown court for firearms and dishonesty charges after they found the Judge Dudley Bernet criticised the officers, who have not been named, for "sloppy behaviour". The bag holding the guns fell out

of a door left open because of the hot weather, as the van overtook a tractor.

Open verdict on schoolboy

A PUBLIC schoolboy with a glittering academic future took an overdose because he could not bear the thought of leaving his

college, his stapfather said yesterday. Richard Metcalf, aged 18, who had won a place to study classics at Oxford university, was found dead in Winchester College ibrary on January 29.

Mid-Hampshire coroner Grahame Short recorded an open verdict after hearing the student had fully recovered from a bout of depression he suffered at the start of his A level studies in late 1994. He had died of an overdose of painkillers taken with alcohol. Outside the inquest, Richard's stepfather Philip, from near Wimborne, Dorset, said: "I don't believe he could bear the thought

of leaving Winchester where he had been so happy."

Builder found dead

A BUILDER may have lain in agony for up to 10 days before he A BUILDER may have lain in agony for up to 10 days before he died after falling 4ft through a roof he was knocking down. The body of father-of-four Jimmy Doyle, from Portsmouth, Hamp-shire, was found inside a house he was demolishing when the owner of the building was alerted by his dog. Mr Doyle, aged 35, had not been seen at the demolition site where he worked in Gosport. Hampshire, for 10 days and owner Thomas Thorn had assumed he was working elsewhere. "Ifound the body hidden in a corner, only four feet from the prof." sold Mr Thorn vectorized with two not mutureal for

roof," said Mr Thorn yesterday. He added it was not unusual for Mr Doyle to disappear from the demolition site. Police do not know how long it took Mr Doyle to die after the

fall, but said there were no suspicious circur mortem examination is due to be held. nstances. A post-

Pescado inguests decision

INQUESTS into the deaths of the six crew who died when the trawler Pescado sank 13 miles off south Cornwall five years ago will not be reopened, David Bruce, the East Cornwall coroner, has decided. A spokesman for the coroner's office said the matter had been thoroughly aired at the recent manslaughter trial at Bristol crown court.

Joseph O'Connor, managing agent of the company that owned the 100 ion trawler, was failed for three years after being convicted of the manslaughter of an unnamed member of the crew,

Verdict on 'homes for votes'

THE final verdict on the Westminster council "homes for votes" gerrymandering inquiry is to be published on May 9, John Magill, the district auditor, announced yesterday. The findings, expected to confirm a £30 million surcharge against former Tory leader Dame Shirley Porter and eight other councillors and officials, has been delayed until after May's local elections.

Publication of the five volume report — the largest audit investigation in local government history — follows the Audit Commission's rejection of a complaint from Lady Porter accusing Mr Magill of media bias.

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6 WORLD NEWS

Late-term condemnation may sway vital votes

Cardinals lambast Clinton on abortion

Jonathan Freedland In Washington

MERICA'S Roman Catholic hierarchy threatened political war against President Clinton yesterday, signalling an election-year clash with one of the country's most powerful voting blocs. For only the second time, all eight US cardinals joined the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in condemning a presidential decision on this occasion Mr Clinton's refusal last week to ban a con troversial late-term abortion procedure.

In a three-page letter to the president, the bishops threat-ened an all-out lobbying cam-paign against Mr Clinton's "shameful veto" of a Republi-can-backed ban on so-called partial-birth abortions, reviled by "pro-life" activists as virtual infanticide.

"In the coming weeks and months, each of us will do all we can to educate people about partial-birth abortions," the cardinals wrote. vowing to blame Mr Clinton for the fact that the procedure would continue now only because of his decision.

The threat could not carry more weight. The 60 million Catholics in America nearly one in four of the pop-

ulation - are one of the key last week's veto of the bill, groups of floating voters in passed by the Republican conthe country.

Christian Coalition.

trolled Congress, to outlaw partial-birth abortions. They have backed the winning presidential candidate in every election since 1976. when figures on voters' reli-gious faith were first made available.

These involve delivering the foetus feet first through the birth canal before crushing its skull in a suction They account for a large

It is used only in the rarest slice of the the so-called Reagan Democrats, the urban of circumstances, where foe-tal abnormalities are found which kept a Republican in the White House from 1981 until 1993. too late for other m Mr Clinton wanted to back a diluted version of the ban, but he was wary of alienating his feminist supporters, who The Catholic vote is be-

coming the jump hall of American politics," said regard the legislation as the first step towards banning Ralph Reed, director of the abortion altogether. The "Whoever comes down with that ball usually wins in

> last week surrounded by women who had reluctantly undergone the procedure for the sake of their own health. His aides said he had prayed long and hard before deciding against a han.

olic support. His peace initia-tive in Northern Ireland won White House advisers are aware of the decision's poten plaudits from Irish-Ameritial political cost. Graphic cans, he has lavished praise on the Pope and Mother Teresa, and he advocated a return to school uniforms pictures of late-term abortions could be deployed to great effect in November, and polls show that Catholics already policy in Catholic schools. But he has incurred the wrath of the cardinals with citato and his Republican are now evenly split — 49 per Cent each way — between Mr Clinton and his Republican

president enjoys a huge lead among women voters and Democrats are anxious not to eopardise it. He made his annoucen Critically, Catholic votes are concentrated in the states Mr Clinton must win - ranging from Polish-Americans in Illinois to Italian-Americans in New Jersey. Until now Mr Clinton has

done well in cultivating Cath-

board, had fully briefed key

White House faces investigation for 'tacit approval' of Iranian arms supply to Bosnia

AP in Washington

WO Senate committees will investigate the secret arms shipments Iran made to Bosnian Muslims in 1994 with the tacit approval of the Clinton administration. the Sen-ate majority leader Bob Dole said yesterday.

Mr Dole, the Republican presidential candidate, said the committees on foreign the shipments. relations and intelligence would probably hold public hearings spokeswoman, said. "The point is to protect sources." She said White House law-

He said the sales took place despite an international arms embargo designed to keep yers had decided that releas ing the report would violate the confidentiality rights of the president and his Intelliweapons from reaching the warring factions in former Yugoslavia. "We were being told all the

reasons we couldn't do this at the same time the administraproduced the report. Anthony Harrington, a Wash-Ington lawyer who heads the tion was looking the other way, knowing that the Irani-

ans were supplying arms," he | said. "Our view is that if the | legislators on the contents of arms embargo had been the report on Tuesday, leaving out the names of sources. lifted, as we tried to do on the Senator Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, chairman of the Senate intelligence com-mittee, could not be reached floor in a bipartisan way, we probably could have avoided sending troops there." The White House, citing a need for confidentiality, has for comment.

The Los Angeles Times first reported on April 5 that Mr refused to give Congress an internal report on the admin-Clinton had tacitly approved the secret shipments in 1994 while publicly supporting the continuation of the United Nations embargo on such istration's decision to allow "The point is not to with-hold information." Mary Ellen Glynn, the White House

Kathy Evans In Tripoli arms transfers. Mr Clinton said a week ago that there was "absolutely nothing improper done" in deciding not to protest against the shipments to the Croatian president Franjo gence Oversight Board, which Tudjman, who was allowing his country to be used as a Nevertheless, she said. channel for the arms flow. Mr Dole has asked Congress to investigate.

world events. Now aged 55, his face lined, his bair thinning and streaked with grey, the Lib-yan leader looked trim and HE CIA killed Ron Brown, black and na-tive Americans will carve out their own states well, despite rumours to the contrary. The man the West loves and President Clinton may face the same fate as John

F. Kennedy. At least, so said Colonel Muammar to hate responded in kind yesterday, warning that Libya would stop doing business with companies based in the West Western companies would miss out Gadafy, as he treated the international press to a

on plans to buy a fleet of civil aircraft and build a

two-hour monologue on tary. Ron Brown, in Cro-world events. Now aged 55, his face cause he was black and be-lined, his bair thinning and cause he was against the same kind of plots that cause he was against the sanctions in Libya. They sabotaged his plane."

Gadafy of the Green Book shares thoughts

African-Americans are subject close to Col Ga-dafy's heart since the recent visit of the Nation of Islam leader, Louis Farrak-

The CIA killed Ron Brown because he was black and he

The project will bring the waters of the desert to the killed President Kennedy. The foture of the Jews, too, was a worry. "They are told that Israel is the promised land. It is not, it is the

land of death. It is a world conspiracy against the Jews to get them to go and die in Israel," he said. The colonel spoke amid the debris and twisted

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coastal cities. The world's largest construction proof the Libyan revolution.

metal of his ruined former home in the Azziziya bar-racks, bombed by the US 10 people's congresses and the

ject is due to be finished next September, to coincide with the 27th anniversary I asked the Libyan leader if he was tired of being at the top, and considering retirement. He said obviously I did not understand

the Libyan revolution, that he had given up running the country in 1977, and it

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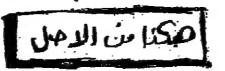
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The television mogul's exclusive revelation to John Hooper in Milan could ignite a row before Sunday's closely-fought polls

Berlusconi promises to slash public spending

ILVIO BERLUSCONI, the leader of the Ital-ian right, has vowed to slash public spend-in Sunday's general election. In an exclusive interview with the Guardian he de with the Guardian, he declared: "We shall make our clared: We scall make our top priority a severe pro-gramme of cuts in every one of the many items which make up the budget." The millionaire politician's uncompromising pledge, which goes far beyond some

which goes far beyond any-thing he has said in the Italian media, looks set to ignite a furious row in the final 48 hours of a neck-and-neck race for power with the centre-left Olive Tree bloc led by Romano Prodi

I put it to the media mag-nate that his warning of strong, unpalatable medicine

'An austerity policy is an absolute necessity; I went into government in pursuit of one'

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was a far cry from the rhetoric of two years ago, when he swept into government on the promise of a "new italian miracle".

"I disagree with you." he said. "The interpretation of our pledge then was different; what we are saying now we

dors, up stairs, down ran and through passageways and mrough passageways no the dressing room allocated to Mr Berlusconi for one of the longest and most important: interviews of this campaign. A large part of his succe

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Ms Simonetto. said. "The interpretation of MS Simonetto. our pledge then was different: breaks in the interview which reaks in the interview which breaks in the interview which followed. Ms Simonetto leant to a boxer. Not that Mf Bers. went into government in pur-suit of one. There is no [other] pasting — the interviewer, who is also of course his en-

Right turn . . . Mr Berlasconi needs a parliamentary majority to effect a 'liberal revolution' PHOTOGRAPH STEFANO MONTES tem for hospitals, and parent | good of the country. "Italy is | of what remains of the old | ter. He did not give a direct

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World news in brief

Police 'undermine truth commission'

FOUR of South Africa's former police chiefs warned yesterday of further legal action in defence of the "fundamental rights" of security force members accused of apartheid era atrocities before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The threat came after the commission had given an undertaking to two former security-branch officers that evidence implicating them in atrocities would be held over, pending a supreme cour

action next week. In a joint statement yesterday the four retired police commanders called on the commission to release a list of security force personnel likely to be named, so that they, too, could "force the commission to practise justice". The secretary of the department of law and order, Azhar

Cachalia, accused the generals of "rejecting the hand of friend-ship", undermining the commission, and "further victimising the victims". He appealed to the security forces to ignore the police commissioners.

The commission continued to hear harrowing testimony yesterday about security force torture, abductions and murders. Nonceba Zokwe described how the security forces had made four attempts on the life of her son before finally killing him — claiming afterwards that they had fired on him in self defence while he was in handcuffs. — David Beresford,

Chechens kill 26 Russians

CHECHEN rebels have ambushed a Russian convoy, killing 25 servicemen and wounding 51, Interfax news agency said yester-day. A Russian military spokesman told Interfax that the rebels attacked the convoy of 27 tanks, armoured vehicles and cars with grenade launchers and mortars near Shatoi, about 30 miles south of the capital, Grozny.

of the capital, Grozny. Two more Russian servicemen were killed and 11 injured in clashes in the south of Chechenia. President Yeltsin yesterday addressed a crowd of thousands in Budyonnovsk, the southern Russian town where more than 100 people were killed in a Chechen hostage-taking raid last summer. He made lavish campaign promises and promised to end the Chechen war. But much of the enthusiasm that greeted him was cursed by curiceity and the mera sight of the president. Before caused by curiosity and the mere sight of the president. Befor and after the rally, many said they would not vote for him in June. — Agencies, Moscow and Budyonnovsk. sident Before

Berlin ceremony defended

GERMANY'S National Olympic Committee has been accused of tastelessness after a re-enaciment in Berlin of the torch-lighting ceremony of Hirler's 1936 Olympic Games. At an event marking the centenary of the modern games on Monday, the Olympic flame was lit by Fritz Schilgen, the man who performed the ritual under Hitler's approving gaze 60 years ago. Mr Schilgen, now aged 80, was neither a Nazi party member hor a soldier when film director Lem Riefenstahl chose him as the tries! Aryan youth --- blond elender, and lithe.

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The Berlin Sports Federation has denied that Monday's event was inappropriate in view of Hitler's exploitation of the games the arrival of the flame became a focus for Nazi rallies - for

propaganda purposes. "Anybody who wants to misunderstand it will misunderstand it," said a spokesman curtly. Mr Schilgen himself was thrilled, offering to run a lap of honour. Some old Berliners wiped their eyes as they watched him climb a monumental set of steps to light the flame. -- Denis Stoumton, Berlin.

Greek gift to road safety

Safety. --- Helena Smith, Athens.

AS CARS poured into Athens yesterday at the end of the five day Orthodox Easter break, officials were left counting a record death toll --- 37 people killed and more than 400 badly injured in 260

Alcohol is being cited as the single biggest cause of the carnage In recent years, beer consumption has increased by 700 per cent and the per capita intake of whisky — Greeks' favourite spirit — is by far the highest in the West. "Elsewhere in Europe traffic accidents are on the decline, but here they are on the rise because Greeks still insist on drinking when they drive," said Professor Yiannis Papadopoulos, who heads the Greek Movement for Ros

Liberian warlords' stalemate

for a shower. us outside — carabinieri, bodygnards, Mr Berlusconi's "image adviser" Mitty Simos-

stars from his television channels waiting to pay their respects - were engulied by the aroma of strongly scented toiletries.

his trousers. Some minutes later, there was a call for "Francesca" and the tycoon's personal make-up artist slipped through the door with

lit corridor, he seemed scarcely able to contain his mirth as he asked the pre-senter whether he had time It was agreed he did, and within a few minutes those of

Someone had to take him a message, and for a few seconds we were treated to the sight of lizity's former prime minister grinning as he tried to force his shirt into

- both as businessman and politician -- can be put down to his knack of appearing hugely amused by whatever he is doing. In the bare, neon-

Mr Berlusconi's own talevision studios 14 hours into his latest giddying, gruelling day master of the citizen's deson the campaign trail.

possibility — and not just be-cause we are held to an ans-terity policy out of respect for the Maastricht criteria flor entry to European monetary union], but because our country has inherited a situa-tion that does not allow of any other policy." We were standing in one of We were standing in one of We were standing in one of tion." at media mogol needs all media mogol needs all media mogol needs all media mogol needs all were taken by the Northern the help he can get in this tion." at media mogol needs all media mogol sints at the service of the citi-sen, rather than one that is

need to boost their tally in the lower house by more than 25 per cent. Mr Berlusconi ararest grouying, gruelling day master of the citizen's des 25 per cent. Mr Berlusconi ar-n the campaign trail. He had swept up to the other things, a "ticket" system if y was also required for the dozen other parties born out have a convicted prime minis-

storage of stolen nuclear ma-terials and their purchase by

including small groups of ex-Christian Democrats, ex-

In this interview, he said he would "keep faith with the right could guarantee couti-nuity. "The left is more of a hotchpotch than an alliance, wow". One possible reason ity this time, his party and its remaining allies — most of them former neo-fascists — count for 66 per cent, but also ery, though the bearing has ery, though the bearing has been suspended for the duration of the campaign.

that, but of being unable not to have known about corrup tion that was, in reality, extortion." he said. Mr Berlusconi added that

"the behaviour of certain prosecutors" could provoke a crisis in relations between the various state branches "capable of changing demo-cratic life" in Italy. "The Italian people have understood this very well, and the results

on April 21 will confirm it."

'Plumber' strives to plug Russia's nuclear leaks

The threat is not from foreign spies but badly paid workers who may steal to sell to terrorists, writes **David Hearst** in Moscow IF RUSSIA'S nuclear indus (The main concern had pre-) any criminal group which has

F RUSSIA'S nuclear indus huge, rusting supertanker, still functioning but badly in need of repair, it is Yori Volo-din's job to design a system to plug the leaks. He heads the directorate of

control and protection of nu-clear and radioactive materi-als in the Russian nuclear in-clear theft, all carried out by spectorate, Gosatomnadzor. He is a young man who unam-He is a young man who man history, while the solution of the s

documents, for government approval, which relocate the threat in the system of registration, control and storage of nuclear materials

The main concern had pre-viously been to provide a "regime of secrecy, personnel involving theft, intermediate selection and defence against external threat", Mr Volodin said.

a customer. All of the 23 spi-sodes were intercepted at the Experience of nuclear theft first stage. "The opinion I have is that in Russia speaks otherwise. the potential customers are not real people, but were part of a sting operation set up to see if these chains existed. clear theft, all carried out by Russians working in the industry. With the exception of two cases in Murmansk in This could either be the special services of foreign countries or of (Russia's) interior ministry." The exact amount of HEU

nium (HEU) or plutonium. According to Mr. Volodin, none of the stolen nuclear ma-terial reached its destination. "I have no information about | tonium and 700 tons of

Mr Volodin believes he has

won the domestic battle to change hearts and minds. "In the past two years, all the ide-ology of security was radi-cally reconsidered, and if it was difficult before to con-vince Minatom [the ministry vince Minatom (the ministry of atomic energy) of the need for radical improvements in the protection system, now everyone understands this need. The problem is the means. The state does not have enough money." The reliability of nuclear personnel, the so-called "iron discipline" of the industry, guarantees about 50 to 70 per cent of the required level of

or plutonium held is a state secret. Informed guesses sug-gest that, by the end of the century, there will be about 90 tons of westoons grade plu-tendings and 200 cent of the required level of security, according to Mr Vo-lodin. But Russia needs new . The ministry pointed out

chief of a military nuclear unit, wrote in Nezavisimaya Gazeta: "There are grounds

The weak point in the sys-tem is the plethora of scien-tific institutes which keep for alarm ... The technical means of protecting nuclear small amounts of nuclear ma objects are obsolete, and there is no possibility of reaching agreements with interial or radioactive isotopes in many buildings, very few of which have scanners.

reaching agreements with in-dustry to get equipment." He concluded: "In order to prevent, at least partly, the possibility of terrorism, it would be necessary to remove from the defence ministry But there are other weak points. In 1992 Gosatomnadfor supervising all nuclear materials in the defence minmaterials in the defence min-istry. Citing secrecy, the min-istry refused them access to many centres. To stop the row, President Boris Yaltain signed a decree saying super-vision and control of the nu-clear arms and installations aband has mitumed to the responsibility for all the nu-clear technical units, and give it to Minatom or a specially created civilian body under the security council or the president." Mr Filonov said: "Recent

events in Dagestan [mass hos-tage-taking by Chechen guer-rillas] show the necessity of The ministry pointed out "rillss] show the nex that nuclear arms were in external supervision."

GENERAL Roosevelt Johnson, the Liberian faction leader centre), speaks out on the situation in Monrovia yesterday from a bouse near the besieged Barclay's Training Centre berracks where his supporters are holed up. He said the attempt to arrest him 11 days ago, which ignited violence, an unlawful plot to drive him out of the race for power.

New fighting broke out briefly around the barracks yesterday. Charles Taylor, part of a six-man governing council, said he would not agree to a cessefire until Gen Johnson surrendered. Gen Johnson said he had no plans to leave the country, contradicting his spokesman, who had said he would consider a Nigerian asylum offer. — AP, Monrovia.

Artful dodgers hone their art

MUGGERS attending their first conference in Bangladesh have decided to double their efforts at busy road junctions in the capital Dhaka, newspapers reported yesterday. More than 100 delegates bestowed the title Master Hijacker on their leader, Mohammad Rippon, for his record of 21 muggings in two hours. They also resolved to double daily operations to 120 to meet "social and family demands". — Reuter, Dhaka.

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Cooking up a mini boom

But will pre-electoral bombardment win votes?

over the Conservatives has gone up the economy 12 to 18 months in ad-seven points to 21 on the Guardian/ICM vance. This index suddenly stopped adjusted poll suggests that only one falling in January (after over 18 months thing will save the Conservatives from of decline) and started rising in Februelectoral oblivion: . an economic mir- ary. Yesterday's figures show that averacle. There is nothing in yesterday's age earnings have crept up from 3.25 to crop of indicators to suggest even 3.5 per cent in the year to February. remotely that anything like that will | This is more than the 3 per cent needed happen but, equally surely, economic to absorb increases in inflation and growth and living standards will proba- taxation and provides further evidence bly be much stronger than people real-ise between now and May 1997 when an the election. But we haven't seen anyelection has to be held. The number of people claiming unemployment benefit fell 25,700 in March to 2.187 million after the surprise rise of 5,500 the previous month. This mean that claimant unemployment as a proportion of the workforce dropped from 7.9 per cent to 7.8 per cent (an average consisting of 10.5 per cent male unemployment and 4.3 per cent female). Although the Government's figures only count those claiming benefit, the unemployment rate is similar to the 8.2 per cent recorded by the independent Labour Force Survey for the year to February. The LFS survey also shows that over the same period employment rose by 309,000. This ought to be good for the "feel-good factor" except that 217,000 of the new jobs were part-time.

The puzzle about all this is that the vibrant trend of falling unemployment and rising employment is difficult to reconcile with lacklustre economic growth of only 2.0 per cent in the last year. It could be that companies were taking on extra labour in anticipation of an economic revival that never arrived. Or, more likely, the official figures are understating the recovery. Either way the stage is set for quite strong economic growth in the run-up to the election (just as the Government has been planning for). One independent sign of this is in the so-called index empty its economic treasure chest in of longer leading indicators which is the effort.

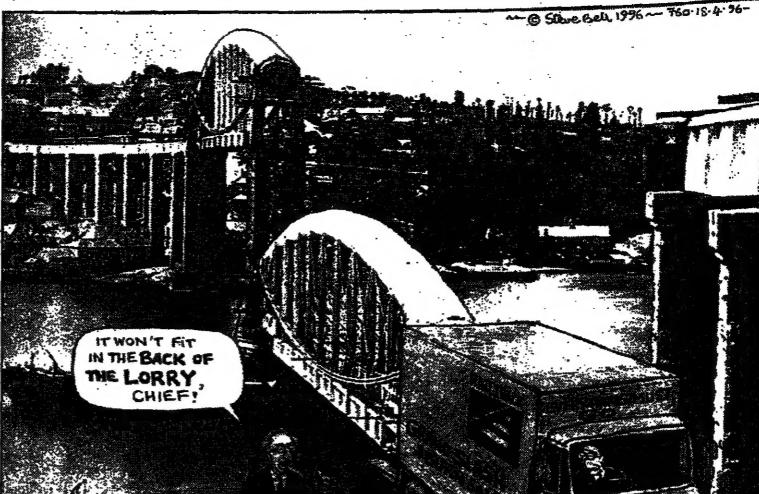
TODAY'S NEWS that Labour's lead supposed to predict turning points in thing yet. The feelgood factor will be heavily massaged this month by the paying out of the £4.1 billion tax reductions announced in the budget and by over £1 billion in electricity rebates. These will be joined by extra spending power from £15 billion worth of maturing Tessas (tax-free saving) followed by an aerial bombardment of windfall capital gains from building society take-overs (of which the Halifax alone may be worth £10 billion) and the start of the £3 billion-a-year construction programme generated by lottery projects. And all this is against the descant of falling interest rates (which take up to a year to affect the economy) and a possible resurgence of world growth.

Everything could be thrown away if inflation is generated by resurgent wage claims or if an undercapitalised industrial base prevents industry from delivering the goods. But time-lags are such that inflation won't explode before the election and may not anyway. There are still strong deflationary forces in the world and plenty of underutilised capacity in the economy. The biggest time-lag of all is the ticking of the clock. There is no precedent for a 21 point lead in the polls being eliminated within a year even by very strong economic growth. But that won't stop the Government from trying, even if it has to

Statistics that are hard to beat

Instead of resisting change, police should take the lead

DOES extra funding produce better | Commission's monitoring exercise is policing? No service has had bigger absolutely crucial. It now has wide increases than the police yet crime has experience with other services and has doubled since 1979. Even a primary begun its police operation in a sensible school pupil should spot the fallacy in way with plenty of caveats and warn-



Letters to the Editor

PETER LILLEY'S response to the increase in poverty in Britain is to state that access to washing machines, cars and central heating has increased among those in the bottom 20 per cent of the income distribution (Poverty, what poverty?, April 17). This tells us noth-ing about the quality of those goods or the reasons why cople may need them. The car, for instance, is more likely to be a 20-year-old Cortina — needed for the se-curity guard's job on £2 per hour, where you must provide your own transport and dog — than a four-wheel-drive turbo. The washing machine is unlikely to be a £400 Zan-ussi; more likely a secondhand machine needed be-cause the local launderette has closed due to vandalism. and you have three young children to bring up. As for the central heating, this is likely to be a blessing in disguise, particularly if you live in a system-built flat with poor insulation. Nor does Mr Lilley's narrow consumerist approach to poverty tell us anything about the guality of the living en-vironment, the opportunities for employment or personal

THE purpose of welfare benefits is, surely, to en-able individuals who cannot do so otherwise to meet their basic needs. Cuts in welfare benefit levels over the years have ensured that they no longer do this. New budgetary standards and revised benefit levels would go a long way towards alleviating the effects of poverty and would contribute to local economic development. The greatest disincentive to employment are the lack of jobs and the prevalence of low

pay and part-time employ-ment. Job creation, minimum pay levels which overcome the poverty trap and a more fairly integrated tax and benefits system would posi-tively encourage benefit raci-pients, especially those with children, to take up employment. Damian Killeen Director, Strathclyde Poverty Alliance, 162 Buchanan Street, Glasgow G1 2LL.

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HERE is a moral ugliness in Peter Lilley's refusal to tackle poverty in Britain on the grounds that low-incomed families have clean water and some (a minority) even have video recorders. This is no more than a contrived justifidevelopment and the degree to which people feel any sense of control over their lives.

Conservative administrations have done this since 1979. The last thing most people want is to be dependent on poverty-level benefits. Only ministers who know nothing of the indignity, humiliation and hardship of living on communication. This is what women most often feel they lack from their male benefits would stereotype people forced to be reliant on them as willing victims. But partners. However, because each it's equally apparent that people do not want to be forced into dependence on the low-wage jobs which this gov-ernment seems to see as the basis of Britain's economic future. Instead they want training, education, afford-able childcare and the prosof both partners to appreciate and celebrate their differ-ences and similarities. It is all pect of weights of period of the second seco worthwhile amined expectations.

Convenor, Citizens' Commission on the Future of the Welfare State. 15 Falcon Road. London SW11 2PJ.

F Britain has a "social pro-tection system to prevent poverty", why then were there 125,000 homeless fam-ilies in England last year? And why are 45,000 single people sleeping rough or liv-ing in temporary accommoda-tion in London? What more evidence of poverty does Peter Lilley need? Teenagers are begging in shop doorways for a living, families are livmore than a contrived justifi-cation of a position in which families like that of the Lil-ing in one room in a bed-and-breakfast hotel, unemployed breakfast hotel, unemployed

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Chris Holmes.

Director, Shelter,

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A poverty of imagination On the need to give birth to a new vision of parenting

> **COOPERATION** is clearly my partner to do more. His eventual response was that the stress of juggling work and home was what "we femi-nists" wanted: it was my nathing activity of the stress of st April 16, 17), but this has to be built on a foundation of deep problem, not his. Reader, I left and became a

single parent. I am still jug-gling work and home. I would

partner needs to feel in-volved, valued and under-stood, effective communicas unrepentant about his noninvolvement with home and tion is not just about men learning to listen to women but depends on a willingness children. What kind of father would our son then become? I don't want to do without

want men to join women in too easy to imprison each other behind a wall of unexjuggling work and home, and I hope that my son will accept this challenge joyfully. Can Ros Coward please focus on why so few men feel able or willing to do so?

THREE cheers for Russell Celyn Jones (Letters, April 17) and his commitment to men's involvement in child-AFEMINIST is not a mono-lithic siren. Feminists the care. My partner and I both work full-time, and we have a son. Bea Campbell's statistics are spot-on: I did much of the housework and virtually all of the loving care of our son. Emboldened by Ros Cow-ard's book, Our Treacherous Hearts (where she argues that women have failed to insist

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world over have initiated, inspired and encouraged de bates around masculinity and domesticity, including par-enting. The complicated responses to fathers and father-ing embrace different intellectual and emotional realities if you care to be made aware of them, which Ros Coward clearly has not. Elizabeth Draper.

ging work and none. I would prefer our son to grow up with both parents, but if he did so, his most visible role model would be a father who men as Ros Coward claims. I

such an answer. Rising crime has ings. There was one further police obmultiple causes of which police ineffectiveness remains one of the smallest. Even so, the Audit Commission is right to pursue its scrutiny of police effectiveness. Six billion pounds is spent annually on the police yet the service remains the least accountable and the most secretive in terms of its priorities, policies, and record. Yesterday's second round of annual police performance indicators from the Audit Commission helps fill this information gap.

The chief constables are not enthusiastic. Yesterday they produced a list of extenuating circumstances as long as any criminal's on why the Commission's indicators should be dismissed: the cost of collecting data, its lateness, the inability of indicators to improve services without adequate funding, and the danger of diverting forces from local priorities. They need not have stopped there. They could have added the activities which indicators cannot measure, the ease with which forces can massage statistics, and the different way the same data is measured. There are even more technical objections like chief constables should be setting up differentiating between random fluctuations - in clear up rates for example police management. Then instead of from real achievements. All true, yet if the police are to be made more them, they could devise their own accountable - and more effective - the and even become more effective.

jection: a complaint that last year's exercise was "rewarded with minimal public interest". That is easily solved. The home secretary should insist that every force holds a press conference at which all the Commission's league tables are made available plus the Chief Constable to explain the local force's position.

One unique aspect of policing is the discretion that is extended to the lowest

rung local officers who once on the beat are unsupervised. All manner of priorities can be devised at headquarters but research suggests bobbies on the beat still pursue their own priorities. Somewhere between the command suite and the beat, even the most modern plan reverts to traditional practice. The service remains ambivalent about modern management: accepting it in principle but still prefering the old military hierarchy in practice. The worst aspect of hierarchical services is the reluctance to accept responsibility: "I'm not paid for that - they are." Rather than bleating about indicators, their own professional institute of having new mechanisms imposed on

The silence of the songbirds

Progress in farming methods has taken a heavy toll on birds

HARK, HARK, the lark at heaven's gate | find the fat juicy insects which they sings, but these days it's getting harder to hear one. Yesterday's warning from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and seven other leading conservation bodies is a real song-stopper. A previous survey, from the late 1980s, showed just eight species in the highest category of concern (where there has been a 50 per cent reduction in breeding | building sites. Villages and town subpopulation or range over the past 25 urbs are becoming zones of refuge for years). Now there are 23, including for the first time farmland birds such as the turtle dove, tree sparrow, bullfinch, reed bunting, song thrush - and the famous skylark.

Pinning down the exact cause of deducing a tidier countryside which is grey partridge's chicks can no longer have lost when it is silent all the way,

through the winter, creates a sterile environment. So does the continuing shrinkage of hedgerows which deprives the linnet and other species of safe nestbirds driven off the hostile land.

Most of these birds are not yet rare: the RSPB's efficient monitoring system reckons there are still a million songthrushes around. But 25 years ago there were 2 million and the pace of decline is cline is not always possible, but there | probably increasing. Nature - as we are some obvious suspects. Farming have seen in the beef disaster - exacts has become much more intensive, pro- a high price for being tampered with. To confuse its enemies, the lark deless bird-friendly. Pesticides kill off in- scends in silence for the last few sects and seed-producing weeds. The metres. We shall know how much we

One only has to go around the former mining communities, outlying estates or inner-city areas to realise that poverty and deprivation exist to a degree that is unacceptable in an advanced industrial society like Britain. Jonathan Fry. Director, Yorkshire & Humberside Low Pay Unit. 102 Commercial Street, Batley WF17 5DP. such as Peter Lilley wish to 88 Old Street, deny the facts about poverty. London EC1V 9HU.

Walk, man JON Harley wants separate train carriages for mobilephone users and under-fives (Letters, April 17). How about

Walkman-users like himself? On the other hand, we could all just learn to live together. Maria Wardale. 83 Marshalls Road,

Raunds, Northants NN9 6EY. POOR Jon Harley, oppressed by other people's crying children. The antidote is parenthood: no relief is more blessed than hearing someone else's child cry and knowing you don't have to do anything. Laurence Pollock. 31 Springfield Way, Cranfield, Bedford MK43 0JN.

YOUR Diary (April 17) asks if I can be made to own up to sporting a non-existent beard 24 years ago. Tony Blair's office specialises in ex-tracting such confessions and retractions: I'm told it's room 101, and, though heavily beached I'm error Alexani booked, I'm sure Alastair Campbell would be only too pleased to have me in there. Peter Hitchens. 245 Blackfriars Road, London SE1 9UX.

Come on you (greyish) reds OF course Manchester Unit-ed's grey shirts were a mistake (United decide on no covered that teams with red more grey days, April 16. Grey is the colour of depres-sion, submission, defeat and half-heartedness. What we shirts, socks, shorts - particularly bold clean areas of red - had consistently outstripped their rivals in blue. wear colours our mood, our health, our performance. It's not so much "getting out on the the wrong side of the bed" green or yellow battle-dress. One of the big clubs recently changed the colour scheme in its changing that ruins the day, but grab-bing a jersey of the wrong colour. It's got nothing to do with fashion, skin tones, hair

for the visiting teams grey. The goal: to put the visitors at a psychological disadvantage before they'd even got out on the field. or eyes. It's simple psychology. In male team games, red is the colour: signifying as it does ego, strength, masculin-Joy Peach. Colour analyst.

A natural selection from the Darwin postbag

reproduction.

Jane Bennett

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L ples are not contradicted by the success of social animals, pace Alan Grant (Let-ters, April 15). The social bonds and co-operative be-haviour displayed by these animals gives them an evolutionary advantage, making those individuals displaying higher degrees of social behaviour indeed the "fittest" and "strongest" in their environment. Antony Massey. 36 Davenport Terrace, Hinckley, Leicestershire LE9 7NL

THE theory of evolution is quite clear on this issue: The evolution versus cre-

ity, brotherhood and the will 6 Clarks Yard, to win. Indeed, somebody has Whitby, Yorkshire. EVOLUTIONARY princi- | the fittest, the ones that tend | ation controversy" but to ples are not contradicted | to survive and reproduce, are | some of us there is no dichot those that are best adapted to

omy between creation and evolution. The Prime Mover survive in the environment. in which they exist; strength of the whole shoot (or "God" doesn't necessarily have any-thing to do with it. If a creaas scientists now seem to call it/him for short) could have ture's survival is aided by created an evolutionary forming mutually supportive bonds within a social strucniverse Barbara Wall. ture, then those who are most Hayricks, able to form such bonds will Rackham, Pulborough,

probably be the most success-ful, the ones best fitted for West Sussex RH20 3EU. Please include a full postal ddress, even on e-ma Levenshulme, Manchester M19. letters, and a telephone number We may adit letters: shorter ones are more likely to appear.

We regret we cannot acknowledge those not used.

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that men share domestic 44 Helix Road, labour), I sought to persuade London SW2 2JS.

Cindy Mann. Relate counsellor.

21 Milsom Street, Bath BA1 1DR.

Schizoid approach to insanity The Government's response is at best complacent. But ig-

FULLY support Meg Hen- to help less severe cases to be derson (Madness of the 'nor- released into the community. released into the community. mal variant', April 16). It is (Dr) Stephen F Myler. one of this government's most criminal acts that it has made P O Box 494. Leicester LES 5ZW.

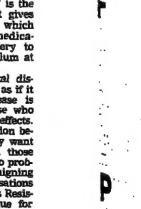
a complete shambles of "care in the community". It rushed to close the mental hospitals. MEG Henderson's attack on alternative ap-proaches to "madness" is the kind of nonseuse that gives not as a humane act to prevent psychiatric abuse, but for eco-nomic expediency. In doing so glee to drug companies which market psychiatric medica-tion, and causes misery to it saved a vast amount of money that should have been people looking for asylum at times of distress. spent on facilities to care for the mentally ill in society. Alas, this money was withheld from local authorities, which To insist that mental dis-tress should be treated as if it

could have built secure ac-commodation more fitting to were an organic disease is often to condemn those who the care of those poor individ-uals who could not cope with suffer debilitating side-effects. She sets up an opposition belife outside an institution. tween those who really want What is the answer? I part to protect people and those who pretend there is no prob-lem. Journals, campaigning what is the answer? I part from many in the profession by advocating the dissolution of psychiatry as a dead-in-the-water profession and that the magazines and organisations like Psychology Politics Resisclinical psychologists be tance consistently argue for allowed to create the right atgenuine protection of those in deep pain, for real asylum and mosphere for the treatment and care of the mentally ill. That an immediate building refuge from the streets, and for some more helpful discusprogramme be instigated for secure, compassionate accom-modation run by clinical psy-chologists and the creation of sion of alternatives to the notion of "mental illne (Prof) Ian Parker. **Bolton Institute**

gradual non-drug programmes | Deane Road, Bolton BL3 5AB.

A Country Diary

THE BURREN, Ireland: At which, with forked tongue 6.40am I watched a cat saun-flicking in and out of his mouth, rapidly slithered away. I grabbed Puss Cat and then stood transfixed, no longer with fright but with awe. So, like Lawrence, I was to sniff, raising her head as if in ecstacy. I immediatley thought of our own Puss Cat (She died in my arms in Janu-"honoured": "How glad J was he had come" a captive, but ary '95, aged 17. We had the vet come to the house). I took her and our miniature, wiregladder that he went away free. Once our dog was being haired dachshund for a walk starved on our vet's orders in the Duchy of Cornwall woods near Luckett. The dog rushed ahead, her nose to the (she'd eaten pills for human consumption - the Poison Unit in the hospital had to be ground, the cat ambled, stopphoned for an antidote, hence ping every now and then sniffing delicately at the woodland flowers. Many was the fright she gave me, that the starvation). We noticed Puss Cat in the distance walking on the walls, holding something in her mouth. She jumped into the garden, came same cat in her mainly rural depredations. One summer morning she appeared at our over to the dog and placed down in front of her an old screen-door in Ithaca, upchicken carcase. There was state New York. I screamed because there was Puss Cat between them a silent communication, independent of looking like Fu Manchu, with the human world. Their reaca serpent trailing moustachetion to the Burren after their like from each side of her awful six months of quaranmouth My scream scared the Cat, who dropped the snake tine was joy unconfine SARAH POYNTZ



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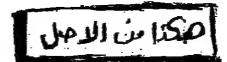
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generating some cynicism about the bland generalities behind which the harder facts

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The Guardian Thursday April 18 1996

Diary

Matthew Norman

VIDENCE arrives to support Prince Edward's declaration that the class system is dead. The Diary's bible, the Veuve Citcquot Handbook to the Season, comes with this month's Tatler, and my eye is caught by a feature on the 'Louis Vultton Concours d'Elegance" - a black-tie and vintage car afblack-tie and vintage-car ar-fair at the Hurlingham club. Shown sipping cham-pagne and enjoying Anton Mosimann's canapes are Mr and Mrs Peregrine Arm-strong-Jones, Mr James Gil-bey, and Lord and Lady St John of Bletso, while Miss Sonbie Rhys-Jones chain Sophie Rhys-Jones chain happily with Lord Ivar Mountbatten. But who can

this be, pictured on a page headlined "The Season"? It is "Mr and Mrs Noel Ed-monds". Good heavens above. What this means for society is unclear, but it's a proud day for his native 11-ford, and for Crinkley Bottom. Nolly was busy show-ing the Duke of Mariborough around his

gunge tank yesterday, but a spokesman went on record as follows: "Blobby, blobby, Glyndebourne. Blobby, blobby, Henley."

WAS pleased to see my so-called rival Nigel Dempster analysing the Yorks' divorce on Tuesday's News At Ten. We who style ourselves "royal watchers" are an élite, and we like to stick together — and be sides, it was very good of him to fill in for me at such short notice. Nigel is con-sidered uniquely qualified to share his insider's knowledge about this par-ticular marriage break-up: it was he, after all, who insisted that the Yorks would

A few Short words echo in the void

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Severe commisser of soft-focus New Labour politics, is correct. There can be no beckcorrect. There can be no back-sliders, as he wrote on this page yesterday, from the duties of collective leader-ship. But he understimates the problem which the little episode of Clare Short's atti-inde to money has illumi-nated. The problem for Tony Blair may he prime of her icy. It probably transcends all other policies. It's the policy to which the spin doctors and media muscle-men employed Blair may be the nature of her attitude. It seems so Old Labour. The problem this ex-poses about New Labour is menta miscie-men employed by the Labour Party devote the greatest part of their efforts. While happy enough to insist that Labour is overmore to do with having an atfit te shutt it's parfectly reasonable for

the commissars to demand conformity at the top. If the party has decided against re-nationalising Railtrack, or in favour of selectively handing over television licences to the friends it hopes it has at the Daily Mirror, dissenters among the leading cadres must swallow their doubts. The shadow cabinet isn't a political playground, and we are entering serious times. The

to insist that Labour is over-flowing with policies in gen-eral, they are happier when denying at awkward mo-ments that it has a policy in perticular — and happiest of all when reassuring the world that it has no particular pol-ies in solution in the icy in relation to tax. The Short crime, therefore, was of a heinous nature, in that she ventured, however briefly and tangentially, into a calculated void. Claiming no authority whatever and ut-

vacuum. What this leaves be-htod, I think, is something more resonant than the noise which can be slienced by keeping her of the sit, as was immediately done, even on her own portfolio subject of

Railtrack. One reason why she struck a chord, with her muttered reference to a personal position, is that people are getting suspicious of the great void. They may not need to know, yet, exactly how Labour will handle income tax, but they experience the beginnings of impasse about the condition all these silences suggest. They don't want Clare Short to pro-claim a tax policy, and don't ciam a tax poncy, and don't suppose for a moment that she's doing so. But perhaps they warm to the staggaring, ginnpse of a front-line politi-cian who lets all a convic-tion which they can under-stand, and which has a recognisable connection with

recognisable connection with all parties of the left, new or Just possibly, in other words, resistance is at last de-veloping to the notion which has held sway for nearly two years: that the only way New Labour must ever be defined is through the carefully wrought, infinitely sincere, universally painless utterances of one man, the party leader. For calculated impre-

Why does New Labour adopt this dangarous strat-egy? Most of the answer is very simple, and far removed from the substance of a politirom the substance of a point-cal programme Labour is ter-rified of the media. Whether it has really lost its convic-tions may be moot. That it has lost its willingness to er-press them is certain. It is press them is certain. It is ruled by how things play, not how they are or might be. It is headed not by a cabinet-in-waiting that seethes with con-tradictory convictions, so much as by one fhat has cho-sen the paralysis of admitting to none at all. This fear of the media is understandable. The media are not Labour's friends. Op-nosition is a different came

plain the disappointment over which those broken-backed entities have often presided. And the more stren-uously Mr Blair exects his iron hand, the greater grows the despair of a Conservative Party that is already very hearty suicidal. My point is not to contest My point is not to contest the need for discipline. Nor is it to defend the loose way in which Clare Short gave a bosposition is a different game from what it was in the 70s. The vultures wait to pounce on every particle of conten tage to media that are vora-clously hunting for nothing else. It is, with a mild whim-

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be much more to say about that in the next few months. Most of all, the point is to curse Labour's abject defen-siveness. Mr Blair's party is in danger of letting the media and the Tories set the limits of its honesty. It seems bappy with specifics only when these parrot Tory specifics: Straw on crime and the PTA, Cook on what we will defi-nitely not dream of doing in Europe. Even the social chap-ter is prudently down-graded. This is the politics of opaque-ness and smoothery. But gov-arment won't be a void, as Clare Short is coarse enough to insist. tion with an appetite they never had when Mrs Thatcher was getting the Tory Party ready to rescue Britain from ready to rescue Britain from the socialist nightmare. Tab-lold values, played swiftly into television, kill off serious policy debate before it starts. The interest in what Clare Short had to say didn't origi-nate in an honest belief that she was revealing Labour's secret agenda. In that regard,



COMMENT AND ANALYSIS 9

European Commission's gro-tasque hypocrisy over British best we know there's almost nothing in this, but the public fuss is more than we can stand. Ms Short may yet be lucky to beat the cull. It's true enough that Labour needs to be especially careful to avoid the impres-sion of disunity. One of its hotiest cards is the evident

Ros Coward

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implying there are such things as women. And gender

studies just sounds like women's studies with added

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name for yourself in acade-mia at the moment, write a book for the burgeoning Queer Studies market. Pub-

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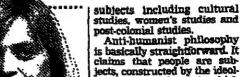
servatism brought about by the question of Europe. Its own disagreements litter the

history of Labour govern-ments, and do much to ex-

plain the disappointment

ense. It is, with a mini within per, to register the negative effect that media competition in all its intensity has on po-litical truth-telling, specially on the willingness of the Labour leadership to come clean. The media as promot-clean the media as promot-

ers of secret politics: there'll be much more to say about



is basically straightforward. It claims that people are sub-jects, constructed by the ideol-ogies and practices into which they are born. Marxism made this fashionable in academia in the 70s. Foucault added the understanding that people do not originate their own ideas, but are discursively con-structed. Feminism developed this to argue that gender iden-tity was also a construct. Der-rida added the final touches. If everything is discourse, there is no hierarchy where one discourse is more truthful so it's equally valuable to study all forms of culture. Everyone in the liberal media knows this. In academia, they still think they have found the Holy Grail.

Queer Studies market. Pub-lishers just can't get enough of them — books like Out in Culture, About Time: Explor-ing The Gay Past, Cassell's Queer Companion, A Queer Romance: Lesbian Gays and Popular Culture, Gay Ideas, or Queer in America. You can tell it's a band-wagon because publishers make the books all look the same. The cover has either a maked ultra-muscular man But anyone wanting to study these ideas will not find them in a simple form. Even if they manage the usual diet of frogs, made more palatable now by various introductions, naked ultra-muscular man (pastiche) or some gay fashion icon, still usually a James Dean look-alike. Inside you how by variable introductions, they will have to negotiate brand-new queer-studies ob-scurantists. One such guru, Eve Kosofsky Sedgewick, says things like: "Closetedness' it-self is a performance initiated as such by the succession of all pictures - aften of actors who have been "read" as gay icons, and of course, in the raun-chier texts, plenty of penises. Currently this is academia's fashionable subject, definias such by the speech act of silence — not a particular silence, but a silence that actively pushing aside women's studies as being essentialist, meaning that it makes as-sumptions about essential crues particularity by fits and starts, in relation to the discourse that surrounds and dif-ferentially constitutes it." identities which pre-exist social structures. However anti-essentialist in content, women's studies is in trouble,

It's a shame such language will deter anyone not signed up for a queer-studies course. Sedgewick's book, The Episte-mology Of The Closet, is a fascinating history of sexual-ity, or rather, sexualities.

HERE'S nothing wrong with the content of queer studies nor its men. Even gay studies might

imply a gay gene. But queer studies can't be similarly deconstructed. growing body of research. Nor would I belittle the "performa-tive" notion of gender which challenges complacent as-sumptions that sexual identity "Queer" sounds self-aware, pa-rodic, making the point that sexual identifies are, to use the jargon that goes with these courses, "a performative". The is a fixed biological given. What I do object to is a suppos-edly radical area reproducing the obscurantism of old acawriter most often quoted as explaining the idea of sexual-ity as "performance" is Judith demic álites. The practitioners of queer

Butler, who in Gender Trou-bles argues that "gender is, studies are no worse than other academic élites using thus, a construction that regularly conceals its genesis; the tacit collective agreement to perform, produce and sustain discrete and polar genders as cultural fictions is obscured by obscurantism as a means of career advancement and protection from outside criticism However, queer studies does not claim to be an academic élite. It used liberal guilt to the credibility of those productions - and the punishments efficient to existence, and still lieve in them; the construction claims to serve a radical con-

certainly not be separating the day before they split. N that same bulletin, meanwhile, Clare Short was shown getting rather batey with a reporter trying to interview her about her latest "gaffe"

- the wicked suggestion that high earners might pay more tax - while she walked on a pavement near Westminster. "You," she told the man, "are invading my privacy." Privacy? On the road? Some students of New Labour suspect that Miss Short has let slip yet another hidden plan: can it be that they want to privatise our streets?

EASSURING news for those distressed by reports that Railtrack is no longer giving free first-class train travel to its employees, but is economising. by having them use their cars instead. Paul Fisher,

Railtrack's chief surveyor

(he is currently busy sur-

Dewar doctrine, that collec- | few words into the pristing tive responsibility must be observed as rigorously in opposition as in government, may seem at first sight a little may seem at first sight a note presumptions. But the elec-tion is getting nearter. On grounds of clarity, never mind discretion, it's impor-tant that one voice is tailing the constant where it will

the country where it will stand. But what did Clare Short do? Her offence was not to dis-sent from a declared policy. The only policy she trans-gressed, when offering the mild thought that she person-ally wouldn't mind paying a bit more tax, was the policy to have no policy. This, admit-tedly, is a very important pol-icy, it urobably transcends all

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veying the £650 million Thameslink project), was in the King's Arms, a Saffron Walden pub, one lunchtime this week. A man said he had spotted him at the station, disappearing into a first-class carriage. "I thought they were going to stop all that first-class business," said the man. "Oh no," said Mr Fisher, a man of some self-confidence, "that's only for the nerds." OR those of you look-

ing forward to the itin-Mandelson's recent trip to the Far East, the news is disappointing. Mandy, you will recall, visited Hong Kong, Korea, Singapore and Japan (the hotels and business air fares cost £6,000 - a tab generously picked up by Barclays Bank) in a self-sacrificing quest to boost Hart-lepool's trade links with the Far Bast. No doubt it will arrive today.

ERHAPS one of the companies Mandy vis-ited was Korean car manufacturer Ssangyong, which has brought out a new four-wheel-drive pre-tend Range Rover. Its name is the Musso. Although the company says it has no plans at present to manufa plans at present to manufac-ture something called the Fuhrer, it is considering calling its next "off-road ve-hicle" (probably to be made at its new Hartlepool plant) the Uncle Joe.

FTER 43 years of ser-vice to his industry, Cedric Brown's ish Gas (Exploration and Production) has been en-couraging her colleagues to mark the occasion. "Should you wish to record good vou wish to record good wishes to Cedric please come and see me on A2," she says in her memo. "THERE IS NO COLLECTION."





Sites for sore eyes

Install a city boss; build social housing on barren land; clear the air we breathe; bury tourist coaches. Norman Foster has designs on life in London

> ONDON is a unique slaught of the car. If we do not city. When you look do something, London will down upon it from wind down and lose its preeminence.

the air you realise that, unlike other European cities, it does not have a strong grid pattern of The main reason that we spend so much time talking and not acting is that there is streets. The names on those red buses give the chues, espe-cially if you say them back-wards: *Heath* Hampstead, simply no city-wide agency with a responsibility to define the capital's priorities — to agree needs; to commission designs to meet these needs; wards: Heath Hampsteat, Park St James's, Bush Shep-herd's, Green Islington. Lon-don is a rich mix of spaces and places, large, small, formal, informal, but mostly green. All of those places or boroughs and then to implement them. To create the physical infis-structure you first have to create a structure to make decisions. The present one is inadequate, so you have to redesign it. For that you need have a strong sense of commu-nity which is reflected in their

a constitutional planner - not political structure. But when you look closely an architect. What advice as an architect

at London it is one homoge-neous city with a \$122 billion economy. The problems of in-frastructure — public trans-port, communications, homecould I give, based on 33 years of professional life in London and working with over 100 cities in 25 countries? Well, no two cities are alike. But when lessness, parking, pollution and the river — are shared by all Londoners, and some are certainly better served than others. Many of these prob-I think of the best works, in the best cities, then there are common denominators which bridge cultures. First, the mailing of a place is as good as the quality of its design — old and new, road and park, bridge and building, paving and bus shelter, tree planting lems are opportunities wait-ing to be collectively grasped. The lines between individual boroughs are arbitrary lines

on paper. The other lines on paper and hamp-post planting. Some do it well, some do it badly. an organisation diagram of The quality of design is only how London is run - makes even less sense. It is a miracle as good as the quality of decision-making. To have that ca-pability, London, like other cities in the world, needs a that it works at all. But this maze does explain why the infrastructure of London is leader. Call this person a mayor if it helps; most citles creaking at the seams through creaking at the seams through under-investment, lack of cre-ative thinking and resourcing. We are trading on an infla-structure that was largely cre-ated between the age of the horse and cart and the ondo - like Barcelona, Paris and New York. This person has to have the

economy, finance, ecology, planning, architecture, engi-neering and traffic. That should not be difficult — ironi-cally they number some of our the influence that a govern-ment which last year had a cally they number some of our best export skills. This person also needs to be politically independent, elected and an-swerable to the community. Given the best system, it will then only be as good as that individual.

The Msyor of Barcelona, Pasqual Maragall, is an excel-lent example. I have witnessed his transformation of Barce long since my first visit there during the Franco regime, and seen how he has respected its history and culture, improved communications, created 150 new public spaces, controlled traffic, buried roads, replaced shums and embarked on a bold sinis and enhanced of a content programme of modern public buildings. We won a competi-tion in 1988 for the design of one of these — a communica-tion tower.

tion power. At that time the city was threatened by the environ-mental impact of hundreds of unregulated masts and anten-nae which dominated the sky-line. I saw how he fought the

three communication giants which each wanted to add their own massive tower, how

he persuaded them to build one single tower instead, to d. to create a company for the pro-ject in which the town hall had a share, to create extra space to absorb all the illegal satellite dishes and masts which littered the district, and also to provide a public view-ing platform. Instead of a di-saster it has become a symbol of civic pride for the city. The site of the tower is now a protected park of natural I have seen the way that a single new building for the eauty, and there is an elegant economy in the concept of a single poetic structure. No community, with a pro-committee or commercial gramme of urban landscaping.

well intentioned, could have that with the Mayrer of Martine Stribed. It needed a south of that with the Mayrer of Martine Stribed. equivalent of a cabinet of advi-sers - on such matters as tion of the right system and London a city-wide authority and Hong Kong Airport

could also help to achieve the linkages of public transport, cycle paths, riverside walks, piers and river buses.

Calming the traffic would £306 billion budget could exert with a commitment to imhelp to create more civilised spaces for people both along and at the ends of the historic routes. Not since Nash, over prove the environment. Buildings consume half of our energy - transport and industry the rest. Most of it is wasted 150 years ago, have we looked at the grander scale of our city. There is cartainly the opporand returns as pollution

Higher environmental stan dards, matched by good de tunity of creating new spaces as well. For example, Horse Guards Parade is one of the sign, can address such issues. Government could lead by inspired example. Given some of the initialargest surface car parks in London. By removing the cars and linking it to St James's Park, it could become one of the great civic spaces in Europe. There are magnifi-

tives I have mentioned, what might be on an agenda for London? For me they would be housing, inner-city neigh-bourhoods, the river and can-tral London spaces. cent courtyards in the adjoin-ing buildings in Whitehall ing onlinings in whitehall which are currently private parking lots. Removing the 500 cars — less than 0.2 per cent of all public parking spaces — and public parking the spaces — and putting them below ground would cost a mere 53 million. It would cre-tin a worderful meterion The essence of a city is high density and a rich mixture of uses. This could be a descrip-tion of some of the most after areas in Londor which are medium-rise and among the densest in Europe. Five per cent of London's land consists of barren inner-city ate a wonderful pedestrian route from Parliament Square

sites waiting to be developed — an opportunity for a new generation of imaginative buildings with a strong em-phasis on social housing. northwards. You could also put a hundred of those tour coaches which form solid nose-to-tail walls in the centre of London below ground for another 54

million, and surely we need a HERE are, for exam ple, 26,000 families in temporary ac-London-wide policy for con-trolling coaches, including a new terminal at, say, Vauxcommodation, and hall Cross, directly above the Victoria Line. social housing fall far short of solving this problem, which London is a great city which itself cannot be separated from that of the homeless. The

we love, and that is why many of us choose to live and work newer industries are clean there. That is the best reason can think of for sparing no and no longer a blighting infinance, so they can coexist with schools and housing. effort to try and make it

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'compels' our belief in its ne stituency outside the acad-cessity and naturalness". stituency outside the acad-emy. So, why are so few of its Like so many others in this field of studies, Butler makes heavy weather of basically simple points. Indeed, in one form or another, these are the same points which have been constantly reiterated since the humanities abandoned humanism in favour of anti-humanism. It is particularly sur-prising that these authors

practitioners willing to deconstruct their own performance as academics?

It is almost as if the language of queer studies is being used to distance it from the social anger that made the writing necessary in the first place. This can be good for no-one except those few writers who will make a carser within have not found better ways of communicating, since these are the founding assertions of academia's politically radical pline's founding politics.



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Stavros Niarchos

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OR HALF a century the tankers, carriers and supertankers of Stavros Niar-chos, who has died 86, have been crossing the globe. In an age when merchant shipping is run by rey executives. Niarchos's lamboyant style — his surname means "shipmaster" — set him apart. His fleet, which ten years ago was estimated at 3 million tonnes displace-ment, represents only 15 per cent of his assets. The other 85 per cent is tied up in shares, gold, property and art. He is believed to have been the largest private investor in Citibank, and he created enough wealth for ten genera-tions of his family to live in opulence. But it was not always like that.

His father, Spyros Niar-chos, and his mother, Euge-nie Coumandaros, were from Sparta in Greece, and had spent some years running a sweet shop in Buffalo, New York State. Their first child, Maria, was born in the US, but Stavros arrived in Greece, and missed American citizenship. His early years were happy. He went to a private school, and although by no means rich, his family was comfortably off until 1923, when everything collapsed. Stavros Niarchos was 14 when his father went bankrupt. Scarred by the spectre of poverty, he determined never

to be poor again. In 1928, he was employed as an office assistant by his rich merchant uncles, the Coumandaros brothers, who were grain traders. A curious mix-ture of playboy and hard worker, Stavros was an ex-ceptional analyst who could predict economic trends. He persuaded his uncles to buy their own ships, which led to a 35 per cent saving on grain importation costs.

Just before the second world war, when his uncles ers. Niarchos's entire Ameri can operation was under dissolved their partnership, threat and, if found guilty, he Niarchos acquired a 60 per faced a stiff prison sentence. But while Niarchos remained cent share and operating conin London, Onassis returned to the US to face his sealed trol in one of their ships, the Maleas, and insured the vessel against war risks, when were still low. The obliged to make both indict-ments public. Niarchos did \$60,000 ship was bombed by the German air force in Antwerp harbour. The insurance not set foot on American soil, compensation was nearly \$1 million. Thus did the the war but sent his British lawyer to negotiate with the US Assisusher Niarchos into the shiptant Attorney General, who ping world.

was dealing with Onassis face to face. A deal was finally Conventional wisdom had it that a slump would follow worked out, but Niarchos was

later such by the US govern-ment again for breaching the the end of the war Stavnos Niarchos thought otherwise; he was convinced that for agreement. Consequently, he tunes lay ahead for ship-owners. His friends thought transferred his operations to Europe. Meanwhile, Niarchos felt he was crazy. He placed orders with brokers in New

severely threatened by the York and London to buy any "Jeddah agreement" between thing that would float and, together with his compatriots Omassis and the Saudi Ara bian monarch, by which Onassis was to supply 500,000 tons of tanker shipping to set Stavros Livanos and Aristotle Onassis, embarked on a huge shipbuilding programme. up the Saudi Arabian Maritime Company (Samco), which would get priority rights on Arabian oil ship-ments. Had the deal material-There was no sustained downturn, and global reconstruction demanded more tonnage than ever before. Like Onassis, he knew the world economy would be based on oil and ised. Onasais, within a decade. would have had a its transportation, and their competition in this field be strategic monopoly on the annual transport of more came legendary. Both, using than 45 million tons of Saudi flags of convenience, broke oil. This threatened not only through into a new financial Aramco, the consortium domera, introduced supertankers, and amassed vast fortunes. inated by four major Ameri-can oil companies, but US strategic policy. It also threat-In 1947, Niarchos became ened Niarchos. The time had come to take action. Onassis's brother-in-law by marrying his wife's sister, Eugenie Livanos, daughter of

He offered Robert Mayhew former Federal Bureau of Investigation agent and sometime associate of the reclusive multi-millionaire Howard Hughes, an advance to scup-per the Saudi agreement, which, as his lawyer put it, was a threat to American foreign interests. Thus was Onassis's deal undermined, through intense pressure put

on the Saudis. Onassia's ships would have

been left unchartered, while Niarchos had good fixed rate contracts and would have hrought his brother-in-law to Stavros Livanos. The Greek word for men who marry sis-- traditionally, they should behave like true brothers. Niarchos heel, were it not for the 1956 Suez Canal crisis. Egypt's President Nasser nationalised the canal; Britain, France and and Onassis did not. Their intense business rivalry now spilled into a darker conflict. Israel attacked Egypt; the cahad was blocked with sunken ships. Middle Eastern oil now had to go round the Cape of Good Hope, and the world urgently needed more tank-Niarchos and Onassis were indicted by the US Justice Department in 1953 for violations of the 1946 Ship Sales Act. They were accused of getting control of tankers prohibited from sale to foreign

The boycott engineered by Niarchos, which had left his brother-in-law's tankers unchartered, now meant that Onassis could multiply his wealth while Niarchos had already committed his fleet and should have been unable to profit from the new

But Niarchos had formidable British and American lawyers. He claimed force majeure, reneged on his con-tracts, and made his ships available for new deals at the new going rates, which had inflated by 300 to 400 per cent overnight. As a result, both Cézante four by Degas, nine



Stavros Niarchos . . . a curious mixture of playboy and hard worker

extra profit.

With six residences spread around the world. Niarchos had plenty of wall space to full and derived "aesthetic satis-faction" from collecting paintings. "I like living with them," he said. "They make my surroundings and my life more pleasant. It is by no means a matter of investment. It is a question of pleasure, fun and feeling." He de veloped one of the world's most outstanding private collections, acquiring the actor-Edward G Robinson's collec-tion, El Greco's Pieta, four paintings by Gauguin, four by

men were able to cash in on by Renoir, 13 by Van Gogh the island of Spetsopoula and the Suez boom — making a and outstanding works by an exquisite yacht, the Cre-reputed \$1 million per day in Toulouse Lautrec, Goya, Ma-ole. He was an excellent skier; tisse, Delacroix and Corot. He always liked his favourites after him.

the Pieta and Gauguin's Horsemen On The Back - to he with him. He also possessed excellent period furniture and a unique French silver collection — the Puiforcat - of 373 pieces from the 17th century to the pres-

ent, which he donated to the Louvre. Niarchos was an excellent swimmer and yachisman and a good hunter. He loved Ascot and the racing world. He be came one of the leading owners and breaders of race horses in Europe. He loved the sea and sailing. He bought of Henry Ford IL, Charlotte,

a slope in St Moritz is named

Tall, slim, with the gaze of a hawk. a protruding, bony, aristocratic nose and a seductive charm, he was apparently irresistible to women. He married five times. In 1930, his first wife was a Greek admiral's daugh-ter --- a short-lived affair, ending in divorce. Eight years later, he took a second wife, a diplomat's widow, but this marriage also ended in div-orce. His 1947 marriage to Eugenie Livanos produced four children. He divorced her to marry briefly the daughter

with whom he had a daughter, but he returned to Eugenie, who died in Spetsopoula in 1970, perhaps from an over-dose of barbiturates. Rumours at the time suggested it was not "suicide" as claimed, but something more dark and Shakespearian (or Airean).

His last marriage was to Tina Livanos, Eugenie's sister and an ex-wife of Onassis. Tina died in October 1974. Niarchos will be remembered by those who knew him for his sense of humour, gen-erosity and hospitality.

Aliki Roussin-Crones Lond Stavros Spyros Niarchos, ship-

July 3, 1909; died April 16,

ward Adamson for many years after we joined the Netherne Hospital staff in 1948. He would have been suddened to hear it described in his obituary (February 12) 35 then "almost a penal institu-tion". It was already one of

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Letters

the most respected hospitals for the mentally ill in the country, at a time when most hospitals had also progressed

Meriel Lucas writes: I was a friend of the art therapist Ed-

a long way from their Vic-torian image as "asylums". At Netherne, like many others, new accommodation was provided separately for these needing supervision those needing supervision and care but not regular men-tal treatment. A caring and ssional community was provided in which patients could feel confidence - a far cry from today's care-in-the-community policy. It was within this that Adamson contributed his skills.

W Arthur White writes: Sug-gestions that Irish-born Greer Garson may have been an Essex girl (obituary April 8) probably arise because she did live in Ilford, with her maker Nine in Tillaton mother Nina, in Tillotson Road, between 1926 and 1936. Ilford Rotarian Claude Chown dated Greer when she lived there.

Birthdays

Stephenie Bergman, artist, 50; Dr Clive Booth, vice-chancellor, Oxford Brookes University, 53; Anna Somers Cocks, museum curator and journalist, 46; Alan Devereux, former chairman, Scottish Tourist Board, 63; Nick Farr-Jones, rugby player, 34; Sylvia Fisher, soprano, 86; David Gee, former director, Friends of the Earth, 49; Barbara Hale, actress, 74; Sir Peter Hordern, Conservative MP, 67: Peter Jeffrey, actor. MP, 67: Peter Jenrey, attor. 67: Christopher Lawrence. former managing director, London Philharmonic orchestra, 46: Malcolm Mar-shall, cricketer, 38; Lord Mason of Barnsley, former Labour defence secretary, 72; Bardar Mille secretary, 57: For Bayley Mills, actress, 50; Fr Dominic Milroy OSB, former headmaster, Ampleforth College, 64; Baroness Platt of Writtle, former chairman, Equal Opportunities Commis-sion, 73; Sir Teddy Taylor, Conservative MP, 59; Ian Taylor, Conservative MP. 51

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jogs. Jammed into the bag at my feet is my weekend read-ing material: USA Today, The Curve Of Binding Energy

report on the Tokyo subway serin attack and Jane's guide

chemical weapons ... Fifty minutes pass; I'm reading about the Tokyo subway serin attack. And then some-thing strange happens: one of the Hispanic men leaps up at the formut of the plane own

the front of the plane, com-mandeers the microphone

and begins jabbering at us in Spanish . . . I consider this an

interesting development. But my seatmate is suddenly ter-

rified. "Hijack?" she whis-

pers. "Is it a hijack?" ... I get

up. walk to the galley at the rear of the plane, where two male flight attendants are en-

gaged in a serious discussion

maybe you've noticed that a

man up there is screaming at

us in Spanish? Personally, I

tongue. But my seatmate is worried we're being hi-

find it to be a delightful

"Pardon me," I say ... "but

about duty-free fashion

footwear.

(how to build a nuclear bomb), a US Government

to nuclear, biological and



Jimmy the Gent . . . hunched and handcuffed in 1979

will be epic sequences of

death, murder and mayhem,

punctuated by what (we also hope) will be unprecedented

episodes of civic destruction. In other words, I spend my

days trying to figure out how to kill people. It is, I suppose, honest work. We sit in restau

rants debating "whether 'tis nobler to garrote the vil-lain", or simply cut his head

off, we hold cryptic conversa

tions in taxicabs wondering

(The answer, on both counts,

is yes.)... In the middle of all this, I

get a phone call from a friend who's decided to spend a

week's exile from Manhattan

in Tuscany. "As long as you're in the neighbour-

hood," he says, "why not

drop in for the weekend?" ...

757 on the tarmac at Heath-

elderly Romanian woman;

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row. My seatmate is an

Twenty-four hours later, I am

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BY NATURE, I am not a per-

son who likes to cause trouble

in public. I do not send food

back in restaurants, I do not

Generally, I try to live my

argue with taxicab drivers

life by the watchwords "I'm

perhaps most important — "Mind your own business".

So allow me to explain how I

almost got arrested several weeks ago on a British Air-

ways flight from London to

uary. I've been writing a

movie in London. I've been

working with a producer to come up with what (we hope)

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Rome ...

sorry", "It's my fault" and -

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Dark world of goodfellas

AMES "Jimmy the Gent" Burke, who has died aged 64 of stomach cancer, achieved global when he was depicted when he was depicted immediately identified by in-the manual his gentleman's clothing and the kindly way he treated his victims during a career of robbing cargo trucks in and around Kennedy Alrport. to the stature of Meyer Lansky fame when he was depicted by Robert De Niro in the 1990 formants as the mastermind. Martin Scorses film on the lives of Mafia hoods, *Coodfel* ponsible, but we were never las. Offscreen, he was the long-suspected architect of the Lufthansa airline heist at the US Justice Department's organised crime strike force in New York. The FBI employed helicop-John F Kennedy airport in 1978, which netted a record \$5.8 million. He was serving a 25-years-to-life sentence for murder in a New York State ters, single engine aeroplanes and listening devices to track Burke. But he never led them

prison at the time of his to the money, never co-operated with the authorities, An Irish-American assoand the Lufthansa spoils were never recovered. Sevaral of the robbery suspects later dis-appeared and Burke became a suspect in their deaths. But ciate of the New York Luc-chese crime family, Burke was convicted of everything from fixing Boston College basketball games and loanthe dapper, six-foot "gentle-man" of crime only chal-lenged the authorities on one occasion, waiting outside his hangout with a construction sharking to murder during a criminal career spanning more than 30 years. But it was for the Lufthansa crime that Federal Bureau of

investigation operatives tried in tractor as he offered to help loved stealing so much hardest to prosecute Burke. It FBI agents search for the you offered Jimmy dollars, he'd turn you offered 1, 1978, during Sometimes called the "Irish which six ski-masked gun- Godfather", he was known for to steal it from you".

jacked." As soon as I've said this, I know I've made a seri-

ous mistake. The shorter of the two men looks at me with

great disdain. "Sir." he says,

pausing for about seven min-

pausing for about seven min-utes, "we have a charter of Mexican priests on board. They're saying a prayer over the engines. They're on their way to a papal audience at the Vatican"... The pilot ap-pears. He saunters to the hack of the plane, and asks: "Who is the American who thought we were heing bi-

thought we were being hi-jacked?"... Then the pilot notices what I am reading.

Four-and-a-half hours later.

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finally ready to let me go. I've said, "I'm sorry, I'm wrong, I should have minded my own

Bruce Fierstein grapples with

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the kindly way he rested in it to be deadly and was sub-victims during a career of pected of ordering several robbing cargo trucks in and around Kennedy Airport. "Legend has it that he was always polite with the guys who drove the trucks," said Around the was former who drove the trucks," said to the stature of Meyer Lansky — he had the respect of a capo in the family," said a former New York City policeman who had investigated Burke and who once travelled to a De-McDonald, who described the mobster as unco-operative troit prison to persuade him to but courteous.

In what was called a true depiction of Burke's style, De Niro, portraying the mobster co-operate. "He looked at me with death in his eyes. It was frightening," he recalled. "He said, 'You can't school me', and said, 'Tm sorry you guys had to travel this far.' And he turned around and walked in Goodfellas, gave a hijack victim \$50 for his cab fare after robbing him.

after robbing him. Burke's career of murder, loansharking, extortion and drug trafficking was first detailed in Wisaguo, the book by crime writer Nicholas Pi-leggi which was the inspira-tion for Goodfellas. Henry Hill, the mobiler thread-informant away and the guards led him back to his cell." Burke's criminal career began in 1948. He was a native of Queens, New York City. and it was from there that he the mobster-turned-informant whose testimony helped con-vict Burke, and provided the core of Pileggi's work, was is believed to have planned the Lufthansa operation with cargo agent Louis Werner, who was later sentenced to 15 once quoted as saying Burke loved stealing so much that "if you offered Jimmy a billion dollars, he'd turn you down and then try to figure out how years in prison - the only suspect ever convicted of the crime.

Burbe's crime spree ended in 1980 when, out of despera-tion, federal agents arrested

with a known felon. In 1982, he was con-victed and sentenced to 12 WCZE 900,

WC2E 9DD, BZLUMPER, April 16th at horse in Pateley Bridge, Andy (Andrew Erici Jages 61 years, A much treasured husband of Rosie, loving father of Lorna and Clare, a much (over and the later reddy Sciumper. Collesgue to many at Nathona' Mill. Records. Funeral service on Friday. Family flowers only. Donations and enquiries to W. Bowers Services to the Berclived, Birstwith Rosert, Services to the Berclived, Birstwith Rosert, Services to the Berclived, Birstwith Rosert, Services to the Berclived, Birstwith Road, Henpsthwslie, Harrogate, 01425-770238 years in jail for paying Bos-ton College basketball players to shave points from games. A year later, he was con-victed of murdering New York con man Richard Eaton. whose frozen and trussed

body was found in a Brooklyn trailer in 1979. Eaton was be-Acknowledgments

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gained the co-operation of Henry Hill, who testified in the Boston College case and at the Eaton murder trial in Brooklyn," McDonald said. **In Memoriam**

The testimony of Hill, a for-mer narcotics trafficker and RAPFLER, irreplaceable, unforgettab longtime Burke henchman, helped put Burke away on the Memorial Services

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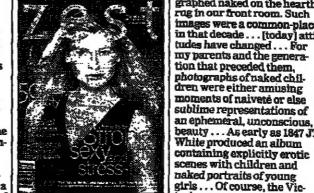
Nicholas Fraser remembers the best of tacky Joe Stalin's hotel accommodation in ing foreigners of hard Esquire currency, all the while ke ing them under the tightest

surveillance. Or so it appeared for the first five minutes of occu-Fawily ruled. It required hours to make a phone call, eat a breakfast or secure a bath plug — to accomplish pretty much anything, in fact, except order vodka or enter-tain dubious propositions from hookers ... Squads of stout party members from remote republics cruised by in a vodka haze . . . Enforced leisure, as Stalin's involuntary guests discovered, gives you time to think ... Who was it who decided that so many shades of red could be made into plastic sofa cover-ings? And did someone now working at Fisher-Price come from the Ukraine, so that gen-erations of Californian kids

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FinanceGuardian

Five-year low in claimant count
Shephard praises growth
Meacher slams vast waste of talent
Notebook

Part-timers cut jobless total

Larry Ellivit

RITAIN'S jobless total fell to its low-est for almost five years yesterday as the expanding army of part-time workers belped cut the dole queues, two sets of new government ligures showed yesterday. Three-quarters of the people finding work during the winter went into part-time work, according to the

Office for National Statistics'

- joblessness measured by the number of people out of justed 25,700 last month to 2,186,600. Education and Employment

Education and Employment Secretary Gillian Shephard said: "Britain has now entered its fourth successive year of steady growth in jobs and falling unemployment." Mrs Shephard added that the UK's jobless rate of 7.8 per cent compared favourably with the 11 per cent for the European Union as a whole. Shadow employment secre-tary Michael Maacher said

rate monthly claimant count | there were now 1.4 million | lustre state. Far too many - joblessness measured by people who had been forced | people are stuck in low-the number of people out of | into part-time or temporary skilled, low-paid, insecure work, with the heaviest con-centrations in wholesale and materil manufacturing, and materia March fall in the claimcommunity, social and personal services.

The Government cannot claim economic success while this waste of human resources continues on such a | at its most recent peak in Devast scale," he said. Liberal Democrat employ-

ment spokesman Don Foster said: "While any fall in unemployment is welcome, it still stands at well over two mil-Labour Force Survey. Shadow employment secre-Meanwhile, the ONS's sepa-tary Michael Meacher said remains in a fragile and lack-that the period covered by the

rather than four. Statisticians believe the underlying brend is for a monthly fall in unemploy-ment of 10,000, slightly lower

The March fall in the claim-ant count total followed a than the 13,900 average de-crease over the past six revised rise of 5,500 in Febru-ary and left the seasonally-ad-justed total 794,500 lower than months. Unemployment fell by

20,600 among men and by 5,100 among women. While there were declines in every region, the biggest reductions were in the South-east, York-shire and Humberside, the However, officials warne that the bigger-than-expected drop last month was flattered

by the ending of industrial action by civil servants at JobCentres and by the fact

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count contained five weeks ; that employment rose by 118,000 to 25,680,000 in the three months ending in February. Full-time employment was up by 34,000 and part-time employment by 88,000. Over the year as a whole employment grew by 309,000 — an increase of 90,000 in full-time jobs and 217,000 in parttime work.

Earnings growth, which has remained stubborn at an annual 3.25 per cent for the past seven months, edged up to 3.5 per cent in February. Edited by Patrick Donovan South-west and the West Officials said the increase Midlanda. Was partly due to highe The LFS — a survey of settlements and partly cause 80,000 households — showed by bigger bonuses this year. was partly due to higher settlements and partly caused

REPORTS of the death of inflation are as prema-ture as those of the de-mise of Mark Twain, the Gov-ernor of the Bank of England quipped last night. The remark was intended as a jibe at the treatise by City economist Roger Bootle, but the real target for the com-ment was Kenneth Clarks. For, after a year in which he has been regularly worsted by the Chancellor, Mr George Cole he is head in hydroxy feels he is back in business in the debate over interest rates.

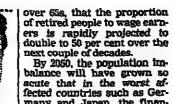
The Bank has learned some tough lessons and learned them well. It has dropped the slightly carping tone of last summer when events proved it had been too pessimistic about the inflation outlook, and now says the Chancellor is absolutely right at the mo-ment in his interest-rate policy. But the key words here are

"at the moment". Looking into the future, the Bank does have some real anxiety that rising consumer demand will threaten the Government's 2.5 per cent inflation target, and it is now starting to make

those fears public. The minutes of the monetary meeting in early March that decided to trim base rates by 0.25 percentage points also show the Gover-nor putting down a marker. While agreeing to the cut, he could see the possible pact

could see the possible need for a rise later in the year. Given what has happened

over the past year, some might think the Chancellor is free to ignore Mr George and go his own sweet way. Unem-



fected countries such as Ger-many and Japan, the finan-cial burden of every older person will have to be borne by just two working people. That burden is simple bot sustainable unless govern-

ments take drastic action as the IMF yesterday high-lighted in its Fiscal Chal-lenges Facing Industrial Countries. Of course, the flnancial implications of this demographical shift have been well debated. Britain is in a relatively stronger position here than its European

counterparts, because of tech-nical factors governing the in-vestment of pension funds. But there is no room complacency. And the IMF report rightly warns that unless prompt action is taken now, it could be too late. This is going to put even greater pressure on the public debt levels of industrial countries which, measured against GDP, have soared over the last 15 years. And increasing tax revenue is no long-term solution. Such high increases would be needed that the

strategy could become politically divisive, generating resentment against the older generation.

There will have to be some way of raising the money. The issue raised in Washington is one of the greatest aco-nomic and political chal-lenges which is just about to hit the industrialized world.

Sparks flying

RADE Secretary Ian Lang risks a very nasty shock from the latest mega-bid prospect to shortcircuit the privatised electricity market. Sparks have been flying because of an embar-rassingly timed leak about

Mr

A bitter blow for sweets workers

Financial Staff

ROUND 300 staff, vir-A trially the entire work-timely jobs at Meltis, the firm best-known for making the New Berry Fruits which used to be a favoured present for elderly aunts. The 290 employees left the Bedford site at the end of their last shift, just 24 hours after the company. which is owned by Asian conglomerate Pengkalen (UK) and also makes turkish delight, called in the receivers.

Stephen James of accoun-tents KPMG said he had, with great regret, told staff that all but 20 employees would be made redundant. "About 100 of the staff, were already on resundancy notice prior to our appointment and we could



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not see any way of saving the majority of the remaining jobs." But, he added: "I am optimistic that the brand name of Meitis will not disappear — I have al-ready had several inquiries from interested parties.

However this company fi-self is unlikely to survive." Melting away ... Around 300 workers have lost their jobs at the Meltis factory in Bedford after the company called in receivers

Sun Alliance Watchdog warning on pensions **Signet's big** chief's pay

profit rise comes with debt warning

Lisa Buckingham

SIGNET, the former Ratners jewellery business, yesterday unveiled a 74 per cent growth in profits but per cent growth in profits but gave its hard-pressed inves-tors little encouragement that a potential £300 million wind-fail from the sale of its UK chains. H Samuel and Ernest Longe was invitant

Jones, was imminent. Chairman James McAdam said the profits growth to £25

million for the year to Febru-ary, marked "another year of substantial progress". But the group remains weighed down by its debt burden which arose from over-ambition during the 1980s and cost 138.9 million in interest payments during the year.

Signet, whose fortunes spiralled out of control in 1991 railed out of control in 1991 following the remark by for-mer chairman Gerald Ramer that one of its products was "total crap", said yesterday its priority was to reduce its £308.2 million debt.

Although there has been growing speculation that Mr Ratner, along with other groups such as Argos and the Goldsmiths jewellery chain, are contenders to purchase the UK business, Mr McAdam declined to comment on the progress of the disposals.

He did say, however, that Ernest Jones, which accounts for 10 per cent of group sales. was gaining market share following modernisation of its 167 stores. The chain achieved a 4 per cent like forlike sales growth during the year, including a 10 per cent improvement in the crucial eight weeks leading up to Christmas. Mr McAdam said the

results from Ernest Jones were encouraging for the revamp of the more down-market H Samuel chain which will be rolled out in 15 of its 433 outlets this summer. Despite the improved figures, Signet said it will not be paying a dividend to shareholders.

with the pensions review. CITY watchdog yester-day warned of tough new penalties. including heavy fines and even derecognition, against firms who fail to provide victims of the pensions transfer scandal with speedy compensation. Its warning came as it disclosed that only a tiny frac-tion - 7,000 - of the esti-mated 1 million harmed have been offered redress. The Personal Investmen

Authority (PIA), which polices investment managers and advisers, criticised the financial community as a whole for failing to make

News in brief

Terese Hunter

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to convince

Domestic phone users could face higher charges if Oftel scraps some price restrictions on British Telecom services, the Consumers' Association said yesterday. Philip Cul-lum, the association's policy manager, told a public hear ing that BT claimed Oftel's proposals were onerous. "We are utterly unconvinced by such arguments," he said.

Energy demand

million.

THE National Audit Office is being urged by Friends of the Earth and a coalition of local authorities to investigate this summer's £2.5 billion nuclear privatisation after Mike Sadnicki, an independent expert on nuclear-power economics, said that the industry should pay some £206 million a year towards a £14.6 billion bill to

decommission reactors. The Government is asking British Energy to contribute only £16 Bio-tech buy-up

Swiss pharmaceutical group Sandoz is acquiring Imutran, a privately-owned Cambridgesingles showed 9 per cent based biotechnology company specialising in developing an- | growth.

This review was ordered back in 1993 by the City's chief watchdog, the Securities and investments Board, after a report by accountants KPMG Peat Marwick estimated up to 500.000 employees had been wrongly advised to transfer their company pen-sion to an inferior insurance company scheme. Further studies showed that many more had been hoodwinked about the numbers of victims already compensated. But these banking-insurance groups claim to have paid out into buying a personal pen-sion rather than joining their just £1.6 million compared with the £4.9 million paid by company's scheme. the insurers to their 1,000 sat-

"sufficiently rapid progress" | 1,091,000 cases identified so | have failed to pay out a permy far. The insurance companies which were alone responsible to date, and large IFA groups, with a potential 72,000 cases have parted with just £8,000 Small IFAs have offered com for 723,000 wrongly sold policies, have only paid compen-sation to 1,000 priority cases. pensation to 6,000 cases - but The position of the large bancassurers, with 163,000 nave only paid out £56,000. PIA chairman Joe Palmer cases outstanding, is in such said: "It is clear that progress is not as good in some cases as it should be. PIA will not disarray that they have not been able to provide the PIA with any convincing figures allow the situation to drift. Those who are not rolling up

their sleeves will be disci-plined and the penalties will year, according to the company's annual report. On top of a basic salary of be serious. The penalties will £348,225. Mr Taylor, who took over as chief executive match their failure. The Investors Compensation Scheme firm yesterday de-clared seven firms in default in 1994, was given a bonus of £16,372 and benefits following pension transfer claims which could be met.

worth £10,524. In addition, he received pension pay-ments of £28,125. Mr Taylor's large remuneration increase, which compares with the rise of just 3.5 per cent in average earnings, is the latest in a string of substantial wage hikes which have been reappearing in Britain's bigest boardrooms as profits have risen.

package given

ROGER TAYLOR, the group chief executive of

insurance group Sun Alli-ance, saw his remuneration

package rise by nearly 35 per cent to £375,121 last

a 35pc boost

Lisa Buckingham

Like many directors in other companies, Mr Taylor topped off his pay packet with a substantial profit on the exercise of share options which netted him another £109,000 during the year. Mr Taylor replaces Sir Roger Neville, the former chief executive who is now a non-executive director at the company, as Sun Alliance's most highly-paid executive. In 1994, Sir Roger earned a total of £304.027. of which £294,027 related to his

period as chief executive in that year before Mr Taylor took over. Sun Alliance's top salary in 1993 was more than £300,000. Mr Taylor was not the only executive on Sun Alli-

ance's board to benefit in a year during which group earnings per share were 57 per cent higher. Three other directors saw their pay packets increase by more than 22 per cent although two of their boardroom colleagues ac-

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the decision by the Monopo the housing market on the lies and Mergers Commission mend, but the construction industry is stuck in deep to approve plans by National Power and PowerGen to takerecession, and manufactur-ing, as the Chamber of Comover regional electricity companies. Although merce will show today, still weakening. Even so, the economy is likely to pick up speed later

fight him all the way.

Pauline Springett

fered a humiliating High

Court defeat yesterday in its attempt to get an adjourn-

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Worker's burden

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to support every one retired person now working in the

has yet to give his formal assent, American utility, Southern, reckons the outlook is promising enough to make a merger approach to stocking comes to an and. Nerves are starting to National Power. jangle in the City and last But Mr Lang is powerless to night's warning from the In-ternational Monetary Fund intervent in the deal unless suggests Mr George has influ-

he is prepared to make a Uturn on previously stated polential friends in his camp. The Bank fervently hopes icy. For precedents have already been set for generators to take over regional electricthat Mr Clarke will not play fast and loose with monetary ity companies with Scottish Power's takeover of ManWeb policy. Officials think he probably won't. But if he does give in to backbench pressure and Hanson's acquisition of Eastern. Second, the DTI would have a hard task justas the days tick away to the election, the Governor has served notice that he will fying it on national interest grounds as it has long recog-nised the right of a foreign bidder to snap up a privatised

utility. But the Government should still swallow its pride and veto this deal. With its 25 per cent market share. National Power is too big a player to merge with Southern which already owns a British regional electricity company

average industrialised coun-try. But demographics are in the process of changing rap-idly. Such is the projected Mr Lang must declare this growth in the number of the is a deal too far.

High Court rejects Lloyd's attempt to stall hearing

Walker, Feltrim and Merret 06. But Names from dozens of LOYD'S of London suf-

other action groups opposed the adjournment after it emerged that the three groups had struck a secret deal with the Lloyd's chairman. David Rowland. Mr Rowland is understood

ment of a hearing to decide whether it can seize compensation awards to Names over their losses. to have agreed, in exchange for the adjournment, to boost the compensation pot for liti-gating Names by £200 million to £1 billion. He is also be-The Vice Chancellor, Sir Richard Scott, threw out the adjournment application and in said lieved to have agreed to try to ensure that Names who have A Lloyd's spokesman said: "We regret what's happened. We believe the hearing is an won court awards should pay unwelcome diversion at no more than \$50,000 to quit Lloyd's. The other Nam Lloyd's is engaged in finalfacing maximum final bills of £100.000

ising a £3 billion-plus settle-ment offer for its loss-stricken Michael Freeman, a solicitor involved in opposing the adjournment, said Sir Rich-Names in a bid to prevent the insurance market collapsing. ard Scott's decision repre-The application to adjourn the hearing was backed by leaders of the three main sented "a great victory for the Names. They know now they action groups - Gooda | are going to get a fair shout".

TOURIST RATES - BANK BELLE

Tea complaint

Ceylon said. But Arumugam Thondaman, general secre tary of the Ceylon Workers Congress, said: "For the industry to be more profitable the man putting in hard labour must be looked after." The workers want an extra eight rupses (10p) a day and a guaranteed 300 days' work a

More from Prudential Prudential yesterday announced a 12 per cent rise to £1.6 billion in sales of life in-

Yet the PIA yesterday revealed that only 7,009 vic-tims have been offered any compensation, out of a total isfied complainants.

plant, for an undisclosed sum.

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A six-day strike from Monday by Sri Lanka tea estate work-ers could cripple the industry, the Planters' Association of

year. The present minimum is 83 rupees (£1.04) a day.

surance products in the first three months of the year. Much music

World sales of recorded music

national Federation of the Phonographic Industry reported yesterday. Compact disc sales reached 2 billion,

grew nearly 10 per cent last year to £28.3 billion, the Inter-

up 11.4 per cent. Cassette and vinyl album unit sales fell but

Large networks of indepen-dent financial advisers (IFAs)

Teresa Huntei

excused for feeling confused

Robinson on to the board. Papers for the meeting were

dispatched before Mr Robin-son resigned just before Eas-

ter after being accused of a

misuse of funds during his three months in the post.

Most members will have al-

ready voted by post in favour

of Mr Robinson's election to

using society money on Mr

Three other board members

- Michael Gibbs, John Fforde and Patricia Mann -

Robinson's home in Kent.

ary of £300,000.

Sacked Robinson could be elected to Woolwich board

are also retiring. The meet-ing, at which the society's governing body will be WOOLWICH Building Society members may be educed to 13 members, will undoubtedly be stormy. At the Abbey National as well as angry at today's annual general meeting when they will be asked to vote sacked chief executive Peter annual meeting yesterday

there was strong criticism, not over plans to take over National & Provincial Building Society, but about poor service and low interest rates. Abbey chairman Lord Tu-gendhat said: "In a nutshell, we know investors want higher rates, borrowers want lower rates, shareholders want higher dividends and many people want all three. Our philosophy is to seek to maintain a balance between all three and ensure we are

• The Woolwich yesterday confirmed a 200,000 fall in the numbers of households with negative equity during the first three months of the year, following last week's report

ative equity has fallen or remained unchanged in all regions except East Midlands,

where a 0.8 per cent house price fall pushed 10,000 more families into the trap. cepted a drop.

the board, unaware that by the time of the meeting he competitive in the market would be pursuing the society for compensation for the sud-den ending of his two-year place." contract with an annual sal-His lawyers, DJ Freeman, said yesterday they were looking at the first set of papers from Woolwich's solic-itors, Linklaters & Paines, from stockbrokers UBS. Its survey claimed that negwhich relate to claims about

12 FINANCE AND ECONOMICS

Sarah Ryle in Washington reports on the latest World Economic Outlook

The IMF expects.....

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UK How we may fare			
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IMF calls for painful cuts in public services

HE International | per cent and 2.6 per cent | bringing the forecast for this | Monetary Fund last respectively. The outlook for night prescribed fisthe Group of Seven industrialised nations was even less cal discipline which it insisted must be positive, with growth put at a

swallowed by leading economies unless they wanted to see growth slip back from already modest levels. Fears about the weakness

of the dollar which were paramount at last year's round of IMF World Bank spring eased, pushing the drive to ain and Italy whose current get budgets under control to cles had depreciated since the agenda set by 1992 and which had experithe World Economic Outlook

published last night. The IMF

Smiths scrambles to cockpit winner

craft and new 777 jumbo.

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Outlook

Pauline Springett MITHS Industries has won a \$100 million contract to supply

electronic equipment for a new fighter trainer for the US Air Force and Navy. "It's a good award and au gurs well for the future," said chairman and chief executive Sir Roger Hurn, pointing out that Smiths has been chosen from a shortlist of seven poss-ible equipment suppliers for the new aircraft.

Smiths will initially supply cockpit instruments worth \$23 million for a first batch of 141 Beech Mk11 jets, but the US wants 711 delivered over 20 years. Other countries may buy the fighter if it is

successful. News of the order added additional sparkle to Smiths buoyant half-year profits. All three divisions of the aerospace and medical equipment group produced better results than last year and analysts responded by raising their full year profit forecasts by around £5 million to £164 million.

The aerospace operation has emerged from a difficult few years, which the com-pany partied by beefing up its counter cyclical and increasingly profitable medical equipment arm. Sir Roger said he believed the worst was over for aerospace. al-though it remains the group's east profitable division. Sir Roger said the US Air Force was not taking delivery of any fighters during 1996. "It's amazing," he said, add ing that he could not recall this ever having happened be fore. "It's reasonable to as

some that this is the nadir | chase the aerospace arm of and that it will pick up." he [Lucas.

The Guardian Thursday April 18 1996

"It's hypothetical. It's not on the market. I'm not pre-Sir Roger added that the pared to say whether I fancy outlook for US civil aviation bits and pieces of something products was also looking up. that's not for sale," he said, thanks to a "slug" of aircraft pointing out that Lucas was orders recently received by reassessing its strategy in the light of the imminent depar-Boeing. Smiths supplies elec-tronics for both the 737 airture of chief executive George Simpson to GEC.

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However, the knock-on ben-efit for Smiths would be slightly dampened by a strike at Boeing last autumn, the ef-The City neverthless expects Smiths to make an aero-space acquisition, given the company's healthy cash flow and expectation of nil gearing at the year end. fects of which had yet to filter through to suppliers. Sir Roger was coy about recent speculation that be

Sir Roger declined to elabo-rate, insisting that Smiths did was in negotiations to purnot have to make a purchase at all. "I don't feel compelied to join with somebody else. but if there is a better thing to do then we have to be alert to **Smiths Industries** it and prepared to do it." he said.

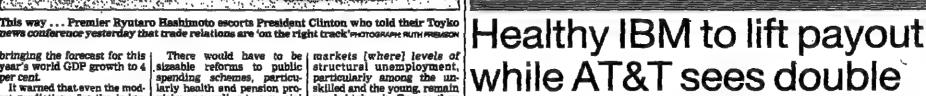
But Sir Roger did reveal that if he pounce, he would Share price 209p A 11p avoid buying either a sup-12,500 plier or a customer. Total operating profit rose

by nearly 20 per cent to £70.4 million. Nearly half of this increase was due to aquisitions made within the past year in the industrial and medical #19 systems arms, Sir Roger was particularly

.°+17 enthusiastic about the emerg-ing market for medical equip-1.6m +11 ment used away from

The industrial division is less obviously exciting — it produces connectors, fans and tubing for ducting — but it is Smiths' second biggest

moneyspinner. Sir Roger acknowledged its continued healthy profits gain was perhaps surprising, given the continued slump in the building trade, but he sugeested it was because the company's products were being extensively used in



oftware companies

Nicholes Sanniste **Technology Editor**

OMPUTER group Inter national Business Ma-chines underlined its return to health yesterday with the first dividend increase for seven years, while AT&T, another leading hitech American corporation

job losses were part of the measures Mr Gerstner took to

relating to the acquisition of j arate companies from pext year, and retaining its long IBM chairman Louis Gerstner, brought in to rescue the card operations.

Net income from all the company in 1993 after it plunged to an \$8 billion loss, said yesterday: "We turned in a good, but uneven quarter. group's operations rose from \$1.2 billion to \$1.36 billion during the first quarter. On the telecom side, the group lost market share in the increasingly competitive long-

distance, cellular and credit

distance market but saw a 22

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Overall, hardware revenues undergoing radical surgery, forecast that it would double

and margins were disappoint-Dividend cuts and massive

per cent jump in revenue from its mobile phone opera-

The slowdown was not unithreat from insufficiently tight form, however, and IMF staff fiscal control --- the IMF's way of saying that public spending needs to be cut. said that in cases such as the US it was welcomed because of the potential build-up of inflationary pressures. It was less marked in some T SAID: "The ballooning of public debt in indus-trial countries over the past two decades of rela-

mere 1.9 per cent this year.

ton, City of Derry, Immi-

grants, the Civil Service, Wishaw Investment, and

North East Globe. There was the ambitiously-named

United Kingdom Building Society (dashed on North-

ern Rock, 1987) and the un-

necessarily specific Prop-erty Owners (with the Woolwich since 1986). Jest

per cent.

tive world peace and prosperity is unprecedented. ing unemployment - unlike balance their budgets which countries with currancies linked to the German mark, it said have had the effect of pushing up interest rates, damaging private investment. For Germany itself growth is projected at just 1 per cent It suggested that tax in-creases would not be the main this year before recovering to 2.9 per cent in 1997; in France this year's 1.3 per cent should solution for budgets in the red. The pain would have to improve to 2.8 per cent. Despite the caution over in-dustrial countries, the IMF come from cuts in public ser-vices, although the IMF recognised that this would be po-litically sensitive in many said that global growth would

year's world GDP growth to 4 sizeable reforms to public spending schemes, particu-It warned that even the modlarly health and pension proest predictions for the indus-trialised countries were under vision, according to a special report on the effect of ageing copulations. North American and most European countries have made only limited progress to date in putting their ratios of public debt to GDP on down-

ward trajectories; and debt in Japan, which has been most concerned about the fiscal im-plications of its aging popula-tion, seems poised to rise

It called on industrial sharply in the coming years," countries to work harder to the World Economic Outlook

There would have to be markets [where] levels of structural unemployment, particularly among the un-skilled and the young, remain much higher in Europe than in most other industrial countries," the study said.

The IMF predicted an average unemployment rate of 11.2 per cent in EU nations, up from this year's 7.8 per

Despite the criticisms of Europe and the wider indus-trial world, the IMF said it was expecting "continued relatively solid world

> It welcomed the relatively ued inflatio

widespread and severe slowdown across the globe this year, insisting that global growth was set to pick up.

But they admitted that their forecasts for growth last year had been much too optimistic, especially in western Europe and North America. This was reflected in predictions for industrial countries be buoyed up by the perforthis year and next year -2 mance of emerging markets.

The Underside

Dan Atkinson

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Barchays staff will be delighted to learn that help is at hand in

their attempt to dodge the

consequences of customers who resort to the bomb

rather than the complaints

department. Scanna MSC,

which describes itself at the "leading manufacturer of

postal and screening equip-

ment" is running courses to help people recognise

suspect packages. As a laste-free extra. Scanna is

offering 5 per cent dis-counts on post-room scan-

ning products to the British

banking sector and to indi-

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month's jobs summit in Lille, it urged immediate reforms of the labour market in Europe. "The fiscal outlook and the long-run economic performance of the monetary union will depend on the success with which countries tackle the many impediments to job creation and job search that characterise European labour

Following on from this sure and that real long-term interest rates were significantly lower than at any point since the early 1980s.

Following the deep concern last year about the impact of the weak dollar, the IMF expressed relief that exchange rates among the major currencies have returned to more realistic levels in terms of fundamentals.

German firm

claim by

Chileans

Paul Murphy

denies bribes

THE German conglomerate Metallgesellschaft has dis-missed allegations of fraud

and bribery, levelled by

Chile's state-owned metal pro-ducer Codelco, as groundless

London yesterday. The Chileans allege that an

controlled by Codelco's for-mer futures trader, Juan

Pablo Davila, six years ago.

ner into an affair whose solu-

tion can only be found in

Since 1994, Codelco has

been investigating a series of trades conducted through the

London Metal Exchange that

led to the Chilean group los-

ing \$178 million through cop-

per trading. Speaking earlier this week, Wolfgang Becker, a former broker with MG in London

who is also named as a defen

dant in the writ, stated that

the dates of transactions men-

tioned in the writ did not cor-

issued a writ against another

London-based metals trader, Sogemin. That led to Sogemin

suspending three of its top

employees at its subsidiary.

Earlier this year. Codelco

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in size over the next 10 years. IBM reported better than expected first quarter results and a 40 per cent rise in dividends. Operating profit was 4.7 per cent up at \$1.35 billion on sales 5.2 per cent ahead at

\$16.56 billion. Howaver, net income fail from \$1.29 billion to \$744 mil-

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stem the group's losses tion Bob Allen, chairman of • Merger alks between two AT&T, the largest US telecom of the big US regional phone

group, said he expected the groups. Nynex and Bell Atlangroup to double in size to a \$100 billion company in the 10 tic, could be completed next week, according to a source close to the deal. Nynex's UK years following the comple-

lion as a result of further telecommunication equip-redundancy charges and costs mant operations into two sep- million. telecommunication equip- rose 92 per cent to 232.5

tion of break-up plans. AT&T is spinning off its computer manufacturing and that its first quarter revenue



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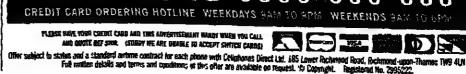




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is for a limited period only | days as Lourbo chairman, ... presumably until Bar-brushed off a shareholder clays' spot of bother disap-with a dismissive suggespears from the headlines. tion that the man sell his Lonrho stock and put the NOTHER building money in the Steyning & A society bites the dust, this the Bristol & Sussex BS. He didn't even get the name right, referring to the "Littlehampton & Steyning Building Soci-

countries.

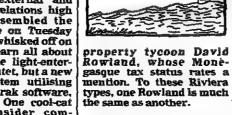
West, failing into the arms of the Bank of Ireland, and you can't get much wester ety" (Littlehampton had not graced the title since 1962). Sir Edward's career than that without emigrating. At least the name will live on, which is more than tanked shortly afterwards. can be said for all those that have fallen during the last 16 years: the Padding-

OFFICES of the Trea-sury's external and media relations high command resembled the Marie Celeste on Tuesday as staff were whisked off on a course to learn all about Oasis. Not the light-enter-tainment quintet, but a new computer system utilising the super anorak software. Windows 95. One cool-cat Treasury insider com-mented: "Knowing as, Oasis will probably be ob-solete in two years' time. I

mean the computer system, not the band. The band are already obsolete: they sound just like the Bea-tles." Right, daddy-oh.

invited to pay two-and-a-half grand to become "junior members" of the club. The deal is something like this: you join, then sucker in two others. You rake off £450 from each of their joining fees, then for every subsequent "member" you recruit you are paid £1,220. There's no product and no service: this is an old-fashioned chainletter racket. Titan is based in Hamburg, and is thought thought, might unsettle the to have taken more than local housing market. They £500,000 in fees from perappear to have frightened haps 1,700 people. The DTI themselves unnecessarily; neither confirmed nor dewith Tiny denying any such nied an investigation. Lib-move, it seems the rumour eral Democrat MP David began in Monte Carlo itself, Rendel told MPs to alert possibly with a misreading their constituents; mean-of the top-500 richest while Titan had better people lists for 1995 in the clean up and clear out be-Sunday Times. There at fore proposed amendments number 19 is Our Tiny; to the Fair Trading Act down at joint 213th place is reach the Statute Book.





ITAN, the "business

RECENT suggestions that former Lonrho chief RW "Tiny" Rowland is planning a move to the principality of Monaco may, we bear, have been triggered by a misunder-standing on the part of some of the natives. A few of Monte Carlo's snootier residents expressed concern at the supposedly im-minent splashdown of Tiny plas his yacht, Hansa; such a colourful neighbour, they

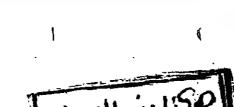


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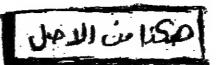
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But in a statement issued yesterday MG insisted that any payments "were made exclub" attacked in Par-liament earlier this month as an "iniquitous scam" is up to its lovable old tricks. Last Sunday, maybe 500 potential suck-ers were herded into a conclusively in accordance with instructions from Codelco" The statement added: "Although we understand that Codelco wants to clear up the ference hall in Stafford and events involving its former chief futures trader, we are taken aback by the attempt to draw a reliable business part-



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Racing **Craven run** to put edge on Alhaarth

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Chris Hawkins

HROUGHOUT the winter the bookmak-ers have shortened Alhaarth to prohibi-tive odds fof the Pertemps 2,000 Guineas and whether that confidence or fear, call it what you will, is misplaced will become clear this after-noon when the colt makes his reappearance in the Craven Stakes at Newmarket. Alhaarth's achievements as a two-year-old have been well chronicled and he arased any lingering doubts about his class when storming home in the Dewhurst Stakes. As Dick Hern, his trainar, is held in almost universal af-

As Dick Hern, his trainer, is held in almost universal af-fection by the racing frater-nity there is plenty of wishful thinking that Alhaarth will prove another Nashwan or Brigadler Gerard. That may well prove to be the case but Alhaarth differe

the case, but Alhaarth differs from the other two in at least one respect and that concerns his keenness on the home

allops. Neither Nashwan nor Brig-adier Gerard needed a prior run before the 2,000 Guineas and Hern expressed the view last autumn that he might pursue the same course with Alhaarth,

That he is not doing so is indicative of Alhaarth's lazi-ness at home and Hern has clearly decided that the colt needs a race to sharpen him UD.

Probably, therefore, he will not be at his best today. If he wins impressively then he is virtually past the post for the Guineas and if he scrambles home you should still not azpect his price to lengthen much. Only four take him on but

they are very useful. Beau-champ King won the last four of his five races and comfortably disposed of some one- arms and legs.

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paced rivals in the Racing Post Trophy. He must be respected, but more of a dan-ger may be Pommard, receiv-ing with exceptional promise on John Gosden's gallops. I hope to see Alhaarth (3.40) confirm his position at the head of the Guinass mar.

the head of the Guineas mar (3.05) to entar the Derby pic-ture after the Fielden Stakes.

At Newmarket yesterday Cayman Kai won the Euro-pean Free Handicap in a time nearly two seconds faster than Thrilling Day in the Nell Gwyn Stakes, although the ground was undoubtedly a shade quicker.

Like Thrilling Day, Cay-man Kai has no English Clas-sic engagements but could go for the German Guineas. Richard Hannon, his trainer, was worried whether he would stay a mile and he still

would stay a mile and he still does not know. Cayman Kai, well-muscled and looking in the pink, was ridden to get the seven fur-longs here and Pat Eddery produced him beautifully but reported that the colt was get-ting the dim the final 100 ting tired in the final 100 yards.

Luso, winner of the Italian Derby, emphasized the qual-ity of last year's Classic col-

lection when battling gamely to beat Smart Alec by a head in the Earl of Sefton Stakes. Considering he had run well in the Arc and finished

tincity generous. Emma O'Gorman was taken to Addenbrookes Hospi-tal after Simply Times had given her a horrible fall in the Bartlow Maiden Fillies

eventually got up unscathed. Miss O'Gorman was con-scious and had feeling in her

for leading trainer

TO BE spurned by Sheikh Mohammed is a train-er's worst nightmare but Henry Cecil has put his split with the world's most have any obvious Derby noves," purrs Cecil, as we with the potential to make the noment Cecil does not have any obvious Derby with the potential to make the noment Cecil does not possible for the Derby and I plan to start him off in the Sandown Classic Trial, but I think he needs give in the the potential to make the powerful owner firmly be-hind him and is confident he is on the verge of one of his best seasons.

Announcing yesterday that his 170-horse Newman-ket stable is being spon-sored by the Swedish car manufacturer Saab this season, Cecil was in a dis-tinctly upbeat mood as he

talked about his prospects for the coming months. "This is Boara Sham com-ing up — see how well she moves," purrs Cecil, as we watch his string cantering up the Warren Hill gallop. "The delighted with her but the moment of truth comes on Friday when she runs in the Fred Darling."

runs in the Fred Darling." Another filly for whom Cecil has high hopes is Lady Carla, owned like Boara Sham by the Syrian Wafic Said. She is being

with the potential to make the grade, including Du-sbyantor, Bright Water and I think he needs give in the ground so I wouldn't be too confident about him hand-Silver Dome. "Dushyantor is by

ling Bpsom." Others to watch out for from the stable in the next Sadlers Wells and I like him a lot," explained the trainer. "He had a foot problem last season but is over that and has been exfew days and weeks are Clan Ben, who goes for Saturday's Newbury Spring citing me in his work.

SPORTS NEWS 13 Speed not the Festival killer says Club report

Ron Cox

HELTENHAM racecourse has been ab-solved of any blame for the death of 10 horses at last month's Festival meeting. A Jockey Club report published yesterday found no single factor led to the abnormal num-ber of fatalities.

Widely expressed concerns over the size of the fields and speed of the races at the Fest-val were dismissed. But the report identified several fur-ther areas for consideration affecting the level of safety and welfare of borses and

The investigation, launched after a public outcry over the significantly higher than usual number of deaths, in-volved examination of video footage and discussions with the racecourse executive, trainers, jockeys, vets and the RSPCA.

It was unanimously agreed that the safety limits on the size of fields were not a con-tributory factor, and analysis of race times at the meeting since 1987 showed little indication that races are now run at a significantly quicker Dace. But it is thought that

PHOTOGRAPH FRANK BARON | Ceptibility of horses to injury.

ried with distinction in the changes in training methods and the use of a variety of diftop races in Europe and North America right up to the time of his death. ferent surfaces may have have had an effect on the sus-

Obituary, page 10.

The association with Saab is a deal worth around £30,000 and is important for Cecil's owners for whom sponsorship is essential if they are to claim back VAT on training fees.

This is one of the areas for

further investigation, along with the starting procedure

which is already under sepa-

rate review. There must also be the pos-

sibility that as more and more

jumpers are Flat-bred or ex-Flat racehorses, the breed is less able to cope with the de-

mands of the sport than the old-fashioned chasing type.

Cheltenham managing di-rector Edward Gillespie was

happy with the report but still

at a loss to explain the 10 deaths at the Festival. "Maybe we should put this

down to a statistical 'blip' and all work together to make sure it doesn't happen again."

Pertemps, the leading inde-pendent staff recruitment company, will sponsor the 2,000 and 1,000 Guineas at

Newmarket next month. The company will also be adding its name to the Jockey Club Strkes, which is run on the

opening day of the three-day Guineas Pestival on May 3.

• Stavros Niarchos, Greek shipping magnate and leading racehorse owner, died on

Monday at the age of 86. He first developed an inter

est in racing in the 1950s and his colours went on to be car-

he said.

There is no doubt Cecil is fighting back from his shock over the Sheikh. He was champion trainer before the advent of the Arabs Cup, Storm Trooper, who runs today, Balladur and Private Andience. and you wouldn't want to bet against him being top of the pile again this year.

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Sponsorship third to Pentire at York, his starting price of 14-1 was disdeal puts **Cecil back in** driving seat Stakes. For a long time it looked a serious accident but the filly Chris Hawkins on life after the Sheikh

Free for all ... Pat Eddery produces Cayman Kal with a perfectly timed run to win the European Free Handicap at Newmarket yesterday. Next stop for the colt could be the German 2,000 Guineas. Photograph Frank BARON

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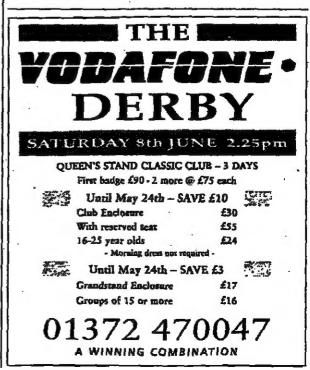
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Premiership: Nottingham Forest 0, Coventry City 0

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Coventry draw little satisfaction

Martin Thorpe

OBODY went home satisfied. A point is OBODY went home higher pedigree. Lee caused satisfied. A point is the biggest danger, going better than nothing close three times. Ogrizovic when a team is in Coventry's position, but Big Ron was looking for a win to put some breathing space be-tween his side and the relegation zone. Forest too needed a victory, to keep up their pur-suit of a Uefa Cup place. Of course, Coventry have

made a party piece of escap-ing the drop at the end of the season. Eight times in their 29 years in the top flight they have gone to the final day needing a victory to survive. This Sky Blue season has

been similarly poised on a chiff edge, but two wins in their three previous games had given the team heart.

had given the team heart. They really needed to win this game and even though they were missing four defend-ers because of injury, Coven-try gambled on an adventur-ous mulfield in search of three vital points. Richardson was the only member defensively the only member defensively inclined amid Ndlovu, Jess and, for 25 minutes before he hobbled off to be replaced by Salako, Strachan

Forest dominated the first | Haaland which was ended by balf with an attacking inven-tion that identified their the area. However, Forest could not capitalise on the

free-kick. Coventry's first chance in had to get down quickly to parry the striker's close-range header. Lee then only just failed to get a decisive touch on Haaland's cross the second half was created by Ndlovu, who went on one of his electrifying runs down the left but generated an underpowered shot which

from the right before seeing a seven-yard header sail just failed to shock Crossley. As the half progressed Coventry's pressure increased. Jess came closest with an 18-A minute before half-time yard shot but it went straight Pearce's corner provided Woan with a free header which Ogrizovic did well to at Crossley. It summed up a game in desperate need of a decent strike. Better was to come from the block, then seconds later Cov-entry produced their only first-half chance and should have scored. Whelan down

visitors. Crossley saved at Jess's feet. Whelan then hit the bar from the left side of the area before Crossley had the right crossed to the un-marked Ndlovu, his diving header found Dublin but the big striker somehow managed to rescue Forest again. First he saved Salako's long shot, to shoot wide. Forest picked up the same script immediately after the break, though with a new cast

then tipped over Jess's long-ranger, and most magnificently of all threw himself to his left to deny Dublin's goalmember. The youngster Howe came on for the start of the bound header

second half in place of the anonymous Campbell and im-mediately made a dramatic

impression up front. His best moment followed a long-distance one-two with

Aston Villa 1, West Ham United 1

Alert Cottee snatches late point for West Ham

Tom Evans

ONY COTTEE's late equaliser for West Ham ruined the evening for Aston Villa, who had led with a Paul McGrath goal — only his second of the season and were envisaging a top-four finish to the season.

In the closing minutes Dani replaced Popps, and the Por-tuguese teenager's left-foot cross was converted by Cottee at the far post.

West Ham had enjoyed few chances after nearly catching Villa cold in the third minute. Moncur broke from midfield, exchanged passes with Breacker on the right and sidestepped the emergency centre-half Taylor before cracking a left-foot drive nches over

Villa's reply was instant. Yorke left Rieper on his back-side before crossing to the far post, where Johnson's looping header forced Miklosko to tip over. Encouraged, Villa pressed forward again and Dowie's poor defensive header from Wright's left-wing free-kick saw Draper shudder the woodwork from

25 yards. Then came a sight rarely witnessed at Villa Park, a McGrath goal. Townsend's

right-wing corner was swung to the far post where the Irish Republic defender, inexplica-bly for a man 6ft 2in tall, ghosted unnoticed into the box to volley past Miklosko for the 21st league goal of his career. Three minutes later Dowie was involved in a collision with the Villa right-back

Charles, who left the field sur-rounded by paramedics who appeared to be tending his left leg. It was doubly unfortunate for the defender, who was due to go into hospital next week for a hernia operation. Early in the second half three half-chances fell to Lee-way for Newcastle . . . the midfielder squeezes his shot between Benali and Charlton for the only goal last night

Johnson, but he did Villa no favours by missing them all. The visitors then pressed hard for the first time in the match and should have equalised in the 62nd minute when a move involving Moncur. Rowland and Breacker found Cottee, whose shot looped over Villa's keeper Bosnich but also over the bar.

Aston Viller Bosnich: Charles (40min), Wright, Enegu, McGrath (Joachim, 60), Taylor, Braper, M h, York

On the morning after the 1-1 draw with Liverpool the Everton striker was ex-amined by a specialist, who concluded that the only cure for his troublesome cure for his troublesome groin was complete rest. "After last night's exermiss Scotland's European

tions he could hardly walk this morning," said Scot-

Championship campaign in June. On the morning after the 1-1 draw with Liverpool the Everton striker was exnow out of Scotland's squad for next Wednesday's warm-up match against

Denmark in Copenhagen. Brown may welcome Nottingham Forest's Mark

a friendly event and there was nothing to stop him playing for Scotland.

The 26-year-old goal-keeper said: "As far as I'm concerned I'm eligible. The

Chelsea 0 Pleat plays safe

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Sherfield Wednes-day's tortuous climb safety continues. Another scrambled point, another step up the ladder, but sadly an-other undistinguished perfor-mance. But they should now surviv

At the final whistle, which could not come soon enough, Hillsborough resounded to the groans of the disappointed it was the very least the Wednesday players deserved.

deserved. Impatience is the preroga-tive of all long-suffering sup-porters, and in South York-shire, where expectation tends to eclipse common sense, goodwill has been in short supply recently. But Wednesday's manager David Pleat is astute enough to most a problem in the mak-

bayin real is astitute choice. to spot a problem in the mak-ing. "I believe we are turning the corner; things naver change quickly," he said be-fore last night's game. That might be true, but his honey-moon period ended some time ago.

Chelses often look a better team than they are. They flat-ter to deceive in the nicest possible way, their precis passing papering over the cracks that have drained so much of their ambition over

the past few seasons. Still, they do have Gullit. that majestic figure who spent much of his time berat-ing the lesser lights around him but still had room for sweet improvisation and

subtle promptings. The game ebbed and flowed gantly, with Wednesday ener-getic, Chelses refined. It was an attractive balance. The in attractive teamler. The first half was a genteel affair, bereft of physical contact and lacking urgency. The better chances fell to

Wednesday but the best went to Chelsea. Gullit lifted a sublime pass forwards and Spen-cer lifted his shot over the advancing Pressman, but Atherton scurried back to hack the ball off the line.

Wednesday's most potent weapon was the left foot of their own Dutch import Blinker, but his generosity in providing Hirst and Whit-tingham with a steady stream of quality crosses rarely seemed likely to be rewarded. The game had dragged itself to the hour mark before Chelsea woke up to the realisation

that victory was there to be taken. It swept over them like

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Scotland lose Ferguson for Euro '96 Patrick Glenn and Russell Thoma

Duncan FERGUSON was ruled out of foot-ball for the rest of the season yesterday and will

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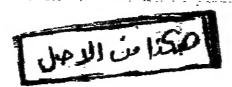
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Botham

Cricket

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Mike Selvey

E HAS come unstuck a few times in "What happens next?" on A Question of Sport, but yester-day Ian Botham sensed he already knew today's outcome of the ballot to decide who joins the chairman Raymond Illingworth, David Lloyd and

Illingworth, David Lloyd and Mike Atherton as England selectors this season. And for once in his life, the People's Choice looked pessi-mistic last night. Although be has attracted some support in his campaign, the indications were that he has not mus-tared the votes to finish first or second of the eight candi-dates for the two suots.

dates for the two spots. The result of the ballot will be announced at Lord's this morning but Botham said yes-terday: "The a betting man-and to be honest I wouldn't lay too much on my chances." But, nothing daunted, he will not let the matter rest. "Til be hack next year" he 'Til be back next year," said, "and the next, and the one after that if necessary." Until, presumably, it is time for a younger man to take

Favourite now to top the poll of the 18 first-class counties, plus MCC and the Minor Counties, is David Graveney, who is standing for re-election after one year on the England committee.

re-election after one year on the England committee. A Graveney win would probably go down with Illing-worth about as well as an Ab-erdeen Angus in Brussels. It is after all only a few weeks since Graveney, persuaded by a group of counties to chal-lenge Illingworth for the chairmanship, gained a ground swell of support until world away from rugby's HQ. When Cliff Brittle, exthe Cricketers' Association, the players' union of which he is chief executive, inecutive committee chairman, last week talked of man, last week talked of "the soul of rugby football, its past and ethos", he prob-ably had clubs such as Twickenham in mind. Founded in 1867, Twicken-ham is the 11th oldest club structed him to withdraw his candidature because of a potential conflict of interest.

There has been speculation that Illingworth will call it a day if he believes his position ham is the 11th oldest club in the mion. It may be at the end of a suburban road in Hampton but it is no leasy arcadia. Its five pitches are on land owned by Thames Water and hemmed in by a image reservoir. The clab-house is a concrete fortress with metal abutters to keep is undermined by the selec-tion of men of whom he does not approve. But the contest for the second seat looks sure to be a close-run thing, with Graham Gooch, Brian Bolus and John Edrich all vying with Botham.

with metal shutters to keep vandals at bay. Bohus, the selector who lost his place to Graveney last year, and Edrich are the pre-ferred choices of Illingworth:

Humbler home ... welcome to Twickenham RFC, three miles from HQ, where Toppmy Peters, below, and his team-mates perform, unsuing and annald enorogawith mark amon

lan Malin visits the other Twickenham and finds strong grass-roots support

for the elite clubs and their ambitions

Twickenham finds a rebel on doorstep

WICKENHAM is in a kind of premier league in no doubt. England's rugby. At the top the play-top clubs should be allowed to go it alone orange juice and are on

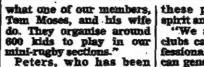
orange juice and are on their starch-free diets. and the rest should be left to fend for themselves. "I think the players should get what they can. It's a professional game now. The top clubs are drawing in the groups and they We'll carry on not drinking orange juice but playing rugby at a good standard and enjoying it. "There is no resentment

There is no resentment from clubs like ours at the leading players being paid. What they're doing is so physically demanding and time-consuming, they'll have to earn that money. Look at the way Lawrence Dallaglio tackles, that shuddering commitment. The game has changed so much since I started; it's faster and more dynamic." At Twickenham RFC

At Twickenham RFC money has been changing hands between club and players for years. But this pay-for-play is not quite the deal Sir John Hall has in-troduced at Newcastle. Twickenham's players pay the club an annual sub-scription of £35 and a sub of £5 a same.

25 a game. "I'm not sure I should be telling you this, but a spon-sor pays us a match bonus."

says Peters. A little gentle probing reveals that this is £100 between the players when they win a league game against the likes of



Peters, who has been watched by Harlequins, is one of several young play-ers his captain believes

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clubs can survive the pro-fessional era provided we can generate additional iners his captain believes have a sponsor, and five or source in the full-back Matthew clubs like ours have to be practice sessions. Photo-ors his captain believes have a sponsor, and five or bave traditionally been are the full-back Matthew clubs like ours have to be practice sessions. Photo-Durkin and the half-backs, constantly producing their graphs of them have to be practice sessions. Photocome. Next year we are em-ploying a paid coach. We have a sponsor, and five or

these places are about recompense. "We have loss spirit and loyalty. five players in the last two five players in the last two seasons, players in whom we have invested money and time with over years. The question of transfer

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David Plummer on more woe for the RFU **Top clubs in** new row

HE RFU became in-The RFU takes a 15 per cent cut of gate money from the final, amounting to £180,000, plus £70,000 for extra expute over money in-side a week yesterday when the Pilkington Cup finalists Leicester and Bath protested at the amount they penses. The clubs receive four will receive for playing at Twickenham next month. The teams will each receive some £45,000 from the

for a club match.

per cent each of the residue, giving them \$40,000, which is topped up by about \$5,000 from Pilkington. But opinions on how the gate money should be split remain divided, with Wheeler stressing: "That hardly cov-ers the cost of us selling tick-ets at our Welford Road

£1.2 million take at the May 4 showpiece, which will attract a 75,000 attendance, a record But for once the RFU is in ground to our supporters. "The reward for reaching the final seems unfair and we want it reviewed. We are agreement with Leicester's chief executive Peter Wheeler in believing the reward is too low. "There is only a little that we can do about adjustmanaging to sort it out with Twickenham." ing the figure this season but we will do our best," said the

• Tim Smith, the second highest points-scorer in Gloucester's history, is to retire from the first-class RFU secretary Tony Hallett. "For next season we will see that the distribution game at the end of the season. The full-back, who played a reflects more accurately the The full-back, who played a key role in the recent League One victory over Bath, is con-sidering a move into local club rugby and also has ambi-tions to join the Kingsholm coaching set-up. • The Cumbrian club Cock-ermouth have have valuested position that the team have reached in the competition." Hallett then turned to his longer-standing disagreement

ionger-standing disagreement with Wheeler, one of the two officials who last week, in a dispute over television in-competitions, threatened to pull England's first and second division teams out of the Competitions. ermouth have been relegated two divisions in the Courage Championship after falsifying a match result card for their the Courage Championship and Pilkington Cup. North-west One game against Blackburn.

Originally they faced a 12-month ban from all competi-"For next season, on the backing of a substantial renewal of the Pilkington con-tract, we will be able to dis-cuss a reward where the reflection is more equitable." said Hallett. "So my appeal to the main clubs is to get back into up compatible and tions after being found guilty of playing three ineligible players in the game. But that has now been replaced by rel-egation to the newly created North-west Three division next season and a ban from playing in the new RFU Inter-mediate National Knockout into our competition and have your say," Pilkington's sponsorship has risen from 2750,000 over the past three years to Connetition.

Cockermouth's punishment £1.1 million for the next three. peans their neighbours Egre All the sponsorship money has been distributed among mont have been saved from relegation to North-west Three

'Not good enough' Dods out of Scots' New Zealand tour

SCOTLAND have dropped Michael Dods from their eight-match New Zealand and Edinburgh Academicals' tour this summer, even | Barry Stewart at tight-head. though the Northampton wing was ever-present in the Five Nations Championship Nick Broughton, the New Zealander with a Scottish Five Nations Championship grandmother, is one of four this season and scored two flankers. "The All Blacks are

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be out of the race. ● Stewart Hutton (172 not out) and Mike Roseberry (145 not out) set a Durham record with an unbroken opening stand of 834 against Oxford

University yesterday. • The left-arm wrist spinne Paul Adams lifted South Af-rica to a five-wicket win over India that takes them undefeated into tomorrow's Sharjah Cup final -- against India, who edged out Pakistan on better run-rate. Adams took three for 30

from his 10 over s -- including the prize wicket of Moham-mad Azharuddin for four. • Lancashire, who start their four-day Roses friendly at Old Trafford today, have appointed thair former wicket seeper John Stanworth to fill in for their coach David Lloyd while he is on England duties.

Ice Hockey Warriors fight

Vic Batcheider

for Arena

EGAL action is being taken against the company oper-ating the Newcastle Arena, Ogden Entertainment Services Ltd, which this week terminated Newcastle (formerly Whitley) Warriors' five-year tenancy agreement there.

"There are four years remaining, the agreement remains in full force and ef-fect," said Warriors' general manager Francis Smith. **Rugby League**

Ogden's managing thector Noel Penrose said the agree-ment required his company to pay Warriors' owners \$500,000a year to provide a team for the Arena and, "given the fi-nancial risks involved for Ogden, there were a number of break options [relating to] on-ice performance and attendance obligation. Sadly Warriors fell very short on the st-tendance level." Smith retorted that Ogden "had full responsibility for marketing and promoting ice hockey".

Last month the Ice Hockey Super League Limited granted the sole franchise for the Arena to Newcastle Wasps, and yesterday Penrose said his company had received an approach from Wasps. • Nottingham Panthers have been confirmed as the Super league's eighth club.

Peters has been playing here since his father intro-duced him to mini-rugby at five. The club inspires a special loyalty, which has Bolus's willingness to be seen around the counties may count in his favour. The othe three candidates — Chris Cowdrey, Kim Barnett and Geoff Miller — are thought to kent Simon Green here for

22 of his 32 years. Green, a hooker, is first-teem captain. He played for nearby London Irish for a year but soon returned to South Road. The difference at the Exiles, he says, is

secretary, agrees. "There is an enormous body of un-paid professional work being done in every club. I South Road. The difference an enormous body of un-to the Exiles, he says, is paid professional work rugby. We don't want play-commitment". Being done in every club. I ers chopping and changing He adds: "There has to be would hate to put a price on between clubs, because

the unpaid profewho he says are the bed-rock of the game. Teny Kay, the Twickenham cho

Old Actonians, Old Haber-deshers or Roxeth Manor OB. And the £100 goes Peters's brother Jimmy and Danny Hudson. straight behind the bar. Brittle has also praised "It will be like losing an arm to lose these people permanently," says Green. "In this area there are a lot sionals

of good junior clubs and they're all looking to deence when they are 28. But

constantly producing their own talent. graphs of them being used as what Green calls "can-"Innior clubs are being forced into running squads of about 30 players. It doesn't matter if players from here go to clubs like Quins at 21 if some of them return with all that experi-

non fodder" for England's 1980 Grand Slam team adorn the clubhouse bar. At present players every-where feel like cannon fodder in the war of words in smoke-filled rooms. "We hope the RFU can sort we don't want to lose our players for ever." Kay raises the question of even here," says Green. things out, because the un-certainty affects players

ager Jim Teller's Drinn assess-iment. "You sometimes have to make different selections for tours than for Five Nations matches." The Melrose scrum-half Bryan Redpath is absent too. but only because he has a stress fracture in the lower back. Newcastle's Gary Arm back. Newcastle's Gary Arm back. Newcastle's Gary Arm barton, hero of Scotland's 1990 tour to New Zealand, is Bath as reserve scrum-half Youth is served is the pack. Youth is served is the pack.

Sport in brief

the 96 participating clubs.

London Marathon McColgan now trains the Waitz way

Stephen Bierley finds a gritty champion bouncing back from the brink of burn-out

IZ McCOLGAN was in trouble. By her own ad-mission she was coming dangerously close to running McColgan training in Florids gural world marathon chamgural world maranon cham-pion in 1963, came across McColgan training in Florida last year and shook her head at the pity of it all. "I saw how she looked, how tired she was," said Waitz. "I thought she was overdoing it but at the time I did not want herself into the ground. Yet five years ago her future had

seemed so secure, she was the world 10,000 metres champion and went on to make the fastest marathon debut by a to interfere." McColgan knew she needed help yet hesitated, being a lit-But then injury struck and

her confidence waned. She responded by forming the im-placable belief that all would tle in awe of the Norwegian but after finishing fifth in las be well again if she pounded out the training miles almost year's London Marathon she year's Lomion Maration she grasped the nettle and wrote to Waitz for help. It was the beginning of a very special relationship. "It is very difficult to find to the point of insanity. Those close to her knew she was pushing herself beyond all reasonable limits, but they could not stop her. Certainly someone you can talk to, someshe could not stop herself. Norway's Grete Waitz, one one who has the same ideas

and can communicate on the same wavelength," McColgan

said yesterday, only four days that is when the race really before she hopes to win this starts." year's London Marsthon as a McColgan has always been capable of talking a good race, but now her approach is alto-gether more subtle, the selfle to striking Olympic gold in Atlanta. There is no doubt that

Waitz believes the 31-year-old Scot can be successful in both confidence no longer worn on her sleeve but radiating from within. The difference is these aims. "My biggest prob-lem was to convince Liz to ease down and to strike a balthere for all to see. After her many setbacks ance between miles and qual-ity," abe said. "I told Liz we either do it my way or not at largely self-imposed, it would be wonderful to see her recap-

be wonderful to see her recap-ture the form of 1991. Yester-day she looked super-fit yet relaxed. "Tve trained excep-tionally well; trained cor-rectly," she said, glacing at Waits, who allowed herself the flicker of a smile in return. • Uta Pippig, who overcame menstrual cramps and diar-those to win the Boston Marall. Now we communicate very well." This is not to say that McColgan slavishly follows the programme that Waitz sets out "It is very important that an athlete knows what is going on," explained Waitz. "Today too many just follow a pro-gramme without understand-

rhose to win the Boston Mar-athan women's title for the third consecutive year, was admitted to hospital in Boston ing the purpose or the goal. "The race is so long and you can never be sure how an athlete will feel on the day, but above all you need to be relaxed at 20 miles because yesterday for tests. The Ger-man runner, who led only in the final mile, was detained overnight.

Hockey

Great Britain 1 South Korea 1

Takher shot holds Asian champions

Pet Rowley in Atlanta

KALEIR TAKHER's first international goal, an un-stoppable rising shot, gained Britain a draw in their final game of the six-nation pre-Olympic tournament at Clark University here. The result left the Asian champions un-able to overtake Britain in

third place in the table. Britain dominated the first quarter of an hour and won Giles coming on and testing the Korean goalkeeper, who both times offered a rebound and a second opportunity to score. Rob Thompson shot wide and Jon Wystt, Britain's best defender, missed from a wide angle. The only other chance they had in the first half saw Laslett's push-shot sasily insuried

the goal-line and a centre to the penalty spot saw Mason siretched to save a shot but powerless to stop Seung-Jin Yoo flicking in the rebound. Mason made an important save in the first minute of the second half, for within two minutes Britain were level.

A reverse stick shot by Las-lett brought the third of Britain's shr corners. Again Giles was denied but gained a long corner, and Wyatt's hit was collected by Takhar just be youd the penalty spot and be lashed the ball into the roof of the goal. From then on it was a tremendous contest with

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Peter Graf charged with tax evasion

PETER GRAF, father of Steffi, was charged yesterday with evading £8.5 million in taxes by failing to report up to £18.5 million in his daughter's income. The Mannheim prosecutor's office filed the charges against Graf and his tax adviser Jo-achim Eckardt. The alleged tax evasion took place between 1988 and 1980. Comf. 51. here tax evasion took place between 1988 and 1993. Graf, 57, has been in investigative custody since August 2. He and Eckardt are being held, say prosecutors, to

John McEnroe is cooling or destroying evidence. John McEnroe is cooling or destroying evidence. States Davis Cup team because the leading players set so little store by playing. McEnroe, who has pressed for the job in the past, admitted yesterday it had source him: "I don't want to go around begging guys to play." Sampras, Agassi, Chang and Courier all pulled out of last month's second-round match, which the US lost to the Czech Republic in Prague. For the first time in the open era all the top men and woman.

more than a hundred of each, have entered the French Open, starting on May 27. The tournament directly accepts 104 play-ers into the men's draw and 112 into the women's draw.

Bulls first to 70

THE Chicago Bulls rewrote basketball's record books with a scrappy 85–80 win over the lowly Milwaukee Bucks. It was not the manner or margin they wanted but their 70th win broke Los Angeles Lakers' record 69 wins of 1971–72.

Skelton seeks repeat

NICK SKELTON, riding Dollar Girl, seeks to emulate John Whiteker when he defends the Volvo Showjumping World Cup starting here in Geneva today, *writes Judith Draper*. Whiteker won in 1990 and 1991 and is the only other Briton to qualify now.

Plain sailing for Britons

BRITISH representatives made the cut in all three classes at the Olympic Qualification Regatts which finished at Murcia, Spain yesterday, writes Bob Fisher. These were Shirley Robertson in the Europe class, Bethan Raggatt and Sue Carr (women's 470) and Richard Spenhouse (Finn).

Armstrong on Huy

LANCE ARMSTRONG, the American cyclist, dominated the Walloon Arrow classic yesterday, shaking off his last challenger Didier Rous on the Wall of Huy, the steep final climb, to win his first race of the season by 8sec after five second places.

Tulu wants double chance

Killing and the two goalkeepers, Mason gan World Cup player Mateki Mafe. ETHIOPIA are to lobby Olympic officials to make further time-table changes so that Haile Gebrselassie and Derartu Tulu can go for gold in the 5,000 and 10,000 metres in Atlanta.

asily parried. On a very hot afternoon Britain began to make errors, yet it was against the run of play that Korea snatched the lead. Skilful dribbling along Auckland Warriors and New Zealand Test forward, who has been granted a work per-mit after a sir week wait. The 1993 Kiwi tourist, who played six times for Featherstone

Rovers in the Centenary sea-son, could make his Salford debut tonight at home in the Alliance against Warrington. Analice against walfrington. Wire have transfer-listed their one-cap Wales winger Jason Lee at \$30,000 after he asked for a move because of limited opportunities at Wil-derspool. Lee has been unable

to displace either Mark Forster or the recent signing Richard Henare and the club

out first gaining a clearance from us. "We have asked them for an explanation as well as an as-surance that he will not be ected international Barrie allowed to play again. If we do not receive suitable assur-Jon Mather to court after he played for Perth Western Reds in the ARL's Optus Cup even though the English ances from Perth then we shall have no alternative but to refer the matter to the Rugby Football League and

take civil action against Barrie-Jon for breach of contract." The oft 7in Great Britain utility player left the match against Crontilla early with The clubs were reportedly getting closer to a settlement figure, somewhere between

the \$30,000 Perth were pre-pared to offer and Wigan's suspected concussion and Jack Robinson, Wigan's chairman, said: "We are very annoyed that they have asking price of £150,000. Salford are close to signing Simon Angell, the 25-year-old

40 per cent of total income; the club's current figure is more than 50 per cent. Wigan may take their disaf-

ARRINGTON bave with-drawn their offer for Kelvin Skerrett, the 29-year old Great Britain forward. Wire's football manager Alex Murphy said: "We have champions say they gave per-mission only for him to train with the Western Australian not had a response from either Wigan or Kelvin, so that is an end to it as far as we knew where Warrington his contract is sorted out. stood on the issue and we do The 68 7m Great at.

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around." Wigan are prepared to release Skerrett as an economy measure, for under next season's salary cap the play- annoyed that they have ing payroll must not exceed played him in a match with-

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Keane restores the red

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OY KEANE finally restored the colour to Manchester United's cheeks at Old Trafford last night after the Premier League leaders had produced football as grey as the shirts they have just discarded. For nearly an hour Leeds United, For who had seen their goal-keeper Mark Beeney sent off in the 16th minute after he had handled outside the penalty area, were the better side. But in the 72nd minute Keane gathered a deflected shot from Scholes and carefully made a shooting angle before driving the ball past Radebe, who had proved a

more than adequate replace-ment in the Leeds goal. Having suffered, at South-ampton, their first defeat in 19 matches, Manchester United were in need of a restorative. Leeds, beaten in nine of their previous 12 Premiership fixtures, appeared

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So perhaps Leeds were not there merely for the taking. the ideal opponents to help supply it. Howard Wilkinson, already In fact they all but took the lead in the seventh minute. without Yeboah and Pemberlead in the seventh minute. Palmer's raking pass out to Gray led to a corner on the right and, from Worthing-ton's cross, Deane saw a glancing header cleared off the line by Pallister. With the combination of Maximiztar's staalth and ton because of injuries, ton because of injuries, replaced Lukic in goal with Beeney and recalled Beesley and Worthington to his crum-bling defence. Pallister was back alongside Bruce for Manchester United, making only his sixth appearance in 27 matches because of scinica

With the combination of McAllister's stealth and. Palmer's urgency challenging a Manchester United midfield lacking the suspended Butt sciatica. Within 15 seconds the Leeds defence nearly suffered a col-lective slipped disc. Keane there was a buoyancy about Leeds which belied their

burst through their cover on the right before setting up a chance for Cantona, who was denied a goal only by Been-ey's alertness in blocking the close-range shot. recent form. And still Beeney refused Old Trafford the relief of an early lead, diving hard to his left in the 12th minute to push wide Keane's firmly driven shot.

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That turned out to be Been-ey's last significant contribution to the proceedings. Four minutes later he came out to meet a long hall from Bruce as Cole closed in, handled a as Cole closed in, handled a yard outside the penalty area and was sent off by Keith Cooper. Leeds had no goal-keeper on the bench but Ra-debe had kept a clean sheet against Middlesbrough just over a fortnight earlier, after melacing a generated Lukic

replacing a concussed Lukic at half-time, and he now resumed the task. Ford went off to make way for him but losing an outfield player did not immediately alter the game's pattern. Still Leeds attacked on a

broad confident front, with Gray turning past May and Pallister before drawing a full-length save from Schmei-chel. May had replaced Bruce, who has been troubled by a hamstring injury, shortly after Beeney's dismissal. Now Cole began to get on Old Trafford's nerves. Three times he might have scored efore half-time but on

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down, the last after a 40-yard pass from Neville had left the striker clear and onside.

Yet, when Manchester United did get shots on target. United ind get shots on target, Radebe, a goalkeeper at the start of his football career, again showed he had not lost the knack.

In the meantime, at the other end, Wetherall's shot into a ruck of bodies had flown over the crossbar after hitting Deane.

hitting Deane. For the second half Fergu-son replaced McClair with Scholes to give his side more scoring potential from mid-field. But a sense of despera-tion was creeping into Man-chester United's football now, not helped by Cantona scoop-ing his shot over after one from Scholes had been from Scholes had been blocked. It was Keane to the

_ee keeps up the title pressure

nerves.

corner.

Michael Walker

ITH a perfor-mance mixing pa-nache and guts, Newcastle maintained their chase of Manchester United by sweep-ing, and then struggling, past the team that had done so much to bring them back into the race. Robert Lee's goal leaves Southampton with plenty to worry about. Kevin Keegan had promised he would hold no grudge against John Beres-ford after their public argu-ment on Sunday, but the

manager's forgiveness did ster found space 20 yards moved on to Elliott's cen-not extend to putting the out, but his shot dribbled tre, but this time Beasant fied and Benali had a won-left-back straight back in wide. And after nine min-saved well. He was on the bench, from utes Newcastle's first sig-where he watched his nificant attack eased many replacement Robbie Elliott. With Faustino Asprilla and Les Ferdinand over-coming minor injuries, El-liott was Newcastle's only starting change from Sun-

day's game. After Southampton's Spectacular victory against Manchester United, Dave Beasant's right-hand Merrington understandably fielded the same team. The packed Gallowgate shivered anxiously in the fifth minute when Le Tis- 20th minute when he

In a frenetic opening, that attack immediately succeeded a dangerous one from Southampton. Mar-vellous footwork and a deft A mighty leap and flick from Ferdinand took the ball to Asprilla, who quickly found Lee in his pass from Le Tissier released Magilton, and Hisnew role wide on the right, lop came to meet the Irish-Lee shaped to cross but then cut inside Charlton man only to stop halfway and turn back. Magilton and struck the ball low into crossed and Shipperley beaded, the ball hit the post, came back off Batty It was Lee's first goal trundled agonisingly and since December and he nearly had a second in the wide for a corner. Then came a Beasant

save from Lee. Yet South-

derful opportunity to equalise on the half-hour. Monkou's header at a scrambled corner gave Ben-ali a free volley 10 yards out, but the defender com-pletely miscaed. Worse was to come for

Benali. From Newcastle's next corner, his stomach-high tackle tumbled Lee in the box. Dermot Gallagher awarded the penalty. Al-though Beardsley's strike was fierce, Beasant guessed right, dived right and par-ried the ball to safety.

The action was unrelent-ing Venison delivered a vicious half-volley after the

restart and an unusual mistake by Albert.

